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**1998 CROTCHED MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE
CHAMPIONS**

Front row: Zachary Germain, Kevin Durgin, Ross Davis, Ryan Roberts. Second Row: Rueben Lyons, Simon Davis, Joseph Bond, Kevin Logan, Zachary Nixon. Last row: Coach Dave Parker, Mike Chase, Danny Trow, Trevor Burke, Jason Logan, Steve Zabriskie, Tom O'Dougherty, Coach Gary Graham.

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TOWN OFFICERS

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BENNINGTON, NH

for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

James G. Dodge	Term Expires 2000
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SELECTMEN

James W. Cleary, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
John J. Cronin, III	Term Expires 2000
Terry D. Schnare	Term Expires 1999

TOWN CLERK

Valerie Germain	Term Expires 1999
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TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner	Term Expires 1999
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TAX COLLECTOR

Denise P. French	Appointed
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ROAD AGENT

David Blanchard	Appointed
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Virginia Young	Term Expires 2000
Patricia Oh (Resigned)	
Michelle Hautanen	Term Expires 1999
Lise Lemieux	Term Expires 1999

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Appointed by Selectmen

Robert Horn, Warden	Mark Chase, Deputy
Dominic Collemacine, Deputy	Allan Wilson, Deputy

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph MacGregor

Term Expires 2000

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator

Harvey Goodwin
James Henderson

Lucien Lizotte
Robyn Manley

Brenda Paradise

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Selectmen

Stephen Chase

Phil Germain

John Paradise

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dawn A. Bond
Darlene McKenney
Victoria L. Turner

Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2004
Term Expires 2000

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Francesco Carrara
Roy Johnson, Chairman
Mae Lizotte

Term Expires 1999
Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 2000

OFFICER OF HEALTH/WELFARE

Barbara Huntley

Appointed

CHIEF OF POLICE

C. Stephen Campbell

Appointed

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

William B. Reid

Appointed

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Stephen Chase, Jr.
Philip Traxler
Jill Young

Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 1999
Term Expires 2000

PLANNING BOARD

Thomas Carr (Resigned)	
Frank Cordelle, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Peter Eppig	Term Expires 2001
Gayle Rochford	Term Expires 2000
Terry Schnare, ex-officio	Term Expires 1999
Susan Seneschal(Resigned)	
Douglas Wilk	Term Expires 1999
Jamie Fox	

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Beck, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Francesco Carrara (Alternate)	Term Expires 2001
Glenn Dow	Term Expires 1999
Barbara Goodwin	Term Expires 1999
Jane Handy	Term Expires 2001
Sam Zachos	Term Expires 1999

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Chester D. Heinzman, Jr.	Appointed
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

David Barrett (Resigned)	
Bruce Edes	Term Expires 1999
Peter Eppig	Term Expires 2001
Joseph MacGregor	Term Expires 1999
Jonathan Manley, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Dennis McKenney	Term Expires 1998
Terry Schnare	Term Expires 2000

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph Cuddemi	Peter Eppig	John French
Philip Germain	Harvey Goodwin	Roy Johnson
Joseph MacGregor, Chairman		Terry Schnare, ex-officio

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Carr (Resigned)	
John French	Term Expires 1999
Roy Johnson	Term Expires 2001
David Rochford	Term Expires 1999

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

Appointed by Selectmen

Peter Martel(Resigned)	
Joyce Desaulniers	Term Expires 2001
David Parker	Term Expires 2000
Brian Whittemore	Term Expires 1999
Cilla Roberts, Alternate	Term Expires 1999

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dominic Collemacine, Chief	Term Expires 1999
Mark Chase, First Deputy	Term Expires 1999
Allan Wilson, Second Deputy	Term Expires 1999

RECREATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Deborah Belcher	Valerie Germain
Sandy Cleary	James Hutton
Bruce Edes	Beth Manley
Kristie French	Keith Nason
Deborah Page	Richard Page
Phil Germain, Co-Chairman	Sfa Whittemore, Co-Chairman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Terry Schnare	Peter Read	Richard Verney
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HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

David Blanchard	Stephen Campbell
John Cronin	William Reid

TOWN HALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Norman Bennett
Arnold Cernota
Jamie Fox

Barbara Huntley
Donald Parker
Victoria Turner

Philip Germain, Chairman

TOWN BARN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Norman Bennett
James Cleary

Stephen Chase, Jr.
David Glynn, Chairman

Sam Zachos

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1 p.m. The polls will close at 7 p.m.

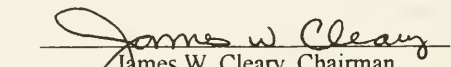
1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The full text of the proposed amendment can be found posted with this Warrant and within the Town Report.
3. Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a lease with the Bennington Sportsman Club to use Town-owned land off Route 47, Old Reservoir Road, Map 11, Lot 11, an abandoned 5.2 acre reservoir, as a recreation area, in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may determine to be in the best interests of the Town?
4. Shall the Town designate the water body known as Powder Mill Pond as a wildlife sanctuary?
5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the present water line on the west side of Dodge Hill Road, a distance of approximately seven hundred (700) feet?
6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to purchase two complete SCBA units and four cylinders for use by the Fire Department?
7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$2,175.00) for headstone/gravesite repair and surveying of the Town's cemeteries?
8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate its share, the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) to perform water testing, gas survey monitoring, liming and mowing of grass at the Landfill, all as required by the post-closure agreement with the State of New Hampshire; the costs of which are borne by Antrim, Bennington and Frankestown?
9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00) as its share in support of the effort of Monadnock Business Ventures, Inc., a non-profit organization, to market the Crotched Mountain Ski Area?
10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,850.00) to purchase two portable radios for use by the Police Department?

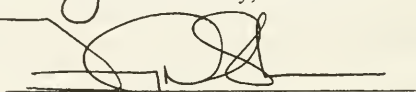
11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,250.00) for the purpose of fence construction at Sawyer Park, Newhall Field and Whittemore Beach?
12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), to be added to the Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?
15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Bridges Expendable General Trust Fund?
18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund ?
19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?
20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?
21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?
22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
23. Shall the Town create an expendable general trust fund to be known as the "Town Buildings Trust Fund" for the purpose of repairing, maintaining and improving Town buildings and raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for deposit in that account, and to grant the Selectmen the authority to withdraw such funds as may be required for the purpose intended, after a Public Hearing but without further action of Town Meeting?
24. Shall the Town create a Capital Reserve Fund, to be known as the "Storage Structure Capital Reserve Fund", for the purpose of purchasing/constructing a storage facility for non-Highway Department equipment/vehicles, and shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in that fund; and authorize the Selectmen to expend such of these funds as may be required for the purpose intended?


25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling eight hundred eleven thousand six hundred twenty-two dollars (\$811,622)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be seven hundred forty-six thousand two hundred forty-one dollars (\$746,241), exclusive of special articles, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

Warrant Article #25 (operating budget article) does not include warrant articles 4 through 24, inclusive.

Given under our hands and seal this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

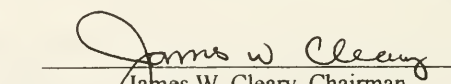

James W. Cleary, Chairman

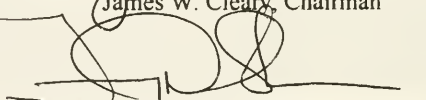

Terry D. Schnare

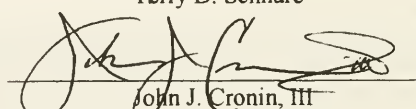

John J. Cronin, III

Board of Selectmen
Bennington, New Hampshire

A true copy of Warrant - Attest


James W. Cleary, Chairman


Terry D. Schnare


John J. Cronin, III

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE 1998

"...we hold that the present system of financing elementary and secondary education in New Hampshire is unconstitutional. To hold otherwise would be to effectively conclude that it is reasonable, in discharging a State obligation, to tax property owners in one town or city as much as four times the amount taxed to others similarly situated in other towns or cities. This is precisely the kind of taxation and fiscal mischief from which the framers of our State Constitution took strong steps to protect our citizens..."

With those words the New Hampshire Supreme Court created THE HEADLINE of 1997. On December 17 the judges set in motion a frantic scramble to bring fairness into the payment of the state's school costs - a scramble yet to completely unfold. A year later the one thing which is clear is that the Court's action was the biggest event of the year - perhaps of the era - for the average Bennington taxpayer.

By placing responsibility for quality education on the citizen's ability to pay, all of New Hampshire's "poorer" communities - and whether we like that label or not, ours qualifies as that - will get a measure of taxpayer relief. An advance sign of that assistance came this fall with passage by the General Court of House Bill 1075. That Bill will boost 1999 Foundation Aid for Bennington from \$277,153 to \$595,229, an increase of more than 114%.

Seventy-five percent of our tax dollar is spent in support of education. Although it's still too early for more than cautious optimism, it is reasonable to conclude that, though the Court's actions, our children will get an opportunity for quality education and we'll be paying only our fair share of what it costs.

As important as the Legislation was, there were several improvements, more visible than legislation, in our community last year. A quick look around town would include:

...a face lift for the Fire Station; not just new brickwork at the ends of the building, but significant wiring improvements and new doors, part of a plan to cut the Station's heating costs over the years;

...the paving of the final 1800 feet of Durgin Road, completing roadwork first planned in 1988. Last summer's paving also included another long section of Bible Hill Road and substantial improvement on North Bennington and Old Greenfield Roads;

...three new and important vehicles, a 1998 International Pumper/Tanker fire engine, a 1998 Ford 450 plow/sander and a 1998 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser, subsequently replaced by a 1999 model;

...construction of the Town's first planned Highway Department Garage, a \$47,700 state-of-the-art facility at the Transfer Station designed to improve the Department's efficiency and economy of operations.

Two other advances not so obvious but important were the reorganization of the Recreation Commission and distribution, for the first time ever, of license plates from the Town Clerk's office.

Your Selectmen have continued to negotiate with their counterparts in Antrim and Francestown to fashion a formal Agreement for management of the sand and gravel assets at the former Landfill. Attention in recent weeks has focused on record-keeping and accountability. As the community in which the Landfill is located, our emphasis has been placed on seeing that the fifty-acre site is rehabilitated and returned to grass cover once the minerals are removed. Once returned to its natural state, the area could become a significant recreational asset. Conceivably even the sixteen acres of capped land and the ten acres surrounding it could be used as park land.

The Board also continues its efforts, with the Town of Francestown, to sell its acreage at Crotched Mountain. We do so, in the face of an economy in which dollars for such pursuits as skiing are likely to see hard times. Monadnock Business Ventures, Inc. plans to prepare, with the help of both communities, an attractive marketing package for the Mountain properties. The support and enthusiasm of the State is steadfast; it is the Selectmen's intent to persevere in the pursuit of a buyer. We will go forward only under the condition that all Planning Board concerns will be addressed and that, to the extent practical, the public will be a party to the negotiations.

Although no formal proposals are on the table, the Board has given serious concern to the Town's structures. We feel comfortable with the status of the Fire Station and the Highway Department Garage. We have been aware of the need for improvements in the Town Hall and the Library. We ask that you share your thoughts on these buildings with us.

As most of you know, a Planning Committee, headed by Sandy Cleary and Keith Nason, is already hard at work in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of Bennington's Old Home Days, to be observed the weekend of August 14-15-16. It's a lot of work. It will be a lot of fun. We urge you to enjoy both.

We close by extending our gratitude to the Town's employees, Department Heads, Board/Commission leadership and members and dozens of others for all they have done in 1998 to serve the Town and its people.

You are appreciated.

Jim, Terry, John



OF: Bennington, New Hampshire

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999

or Fiscal Year From to

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

DATE: January 20, 1999

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

James W. Cleary
 [Signature]
 [Signature]
 THIS BUDGET SHALL BE F

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget - Town/City of Bennington FY 1999

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		65642	61161	71218	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		11048	11057	12590	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		39024	40609	41065	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense		8000	5725	8000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		57795	65896	66400	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		3585	3014	3650	
4194	General Government Buildings		11150	8548	23500	
4195	Cemeteries		2430	2572	2280	
4196	Insurance		19520	15550	19790	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.					
4199	Contingency Other General Government		3000	1354	3000	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		91475	89667	97900	
4215-4219	Ambulance		3000	3000	3500	
4220-4229	Fire		32800	26912	32800	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		750	750	750	
4290-4298	Emergency Management					
4299	Other (Including Communications)					
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4311	Administration					
4312	Highways & Streets		136271	141328	139973	
4313	Bridges		1000	0	1000	
4316	Street Lighting		12374	10283	12650	
4319	Other					
SANTATION			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		22526	27041	26498	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		25257	23796	25880	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	SANITATION cont.		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		28500	26665	29500	
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		17800	16440	17800	
4332	Water Services		20550	10216	19550	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		793	753	1180	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5421	5271	5271	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		5088	5445	5563	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		845	650	845	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5150	4491	4950	
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Old Home Days Parks & Recreation		11500	12408	15000 16831	
4550-4559	Library		38324	35775	44478	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1000	699	700	
4589	Scholarship Other Culture & Recreation		500	500	500	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation		475	0	475	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4711	Prino. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		28050	28050	28050	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		21898	21868	19985	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		10000	7644	8500	

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	WARR.	Appropriations	Actual	APPROPRIATIONS	APPROPRIATIONS	
Acct.#	(RSA 32:3,V)	ART.#	Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)

DEBT SERVICE cont.		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				

CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-				
	Water-				
	Electric-				
	Airport-				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except 84917				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Agency Funds				
SUBTOTAL 1		742591	715138	811622	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

"SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES"

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Capital Reserve Funds					
	See attached listing					
			71500	211410	87000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXX

"INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES"

Individual warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	See attached listing					
			74500	77153	29175	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	116175	XXXXXXXX

Budget - Town/City of Bennington FY 1999

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		5000	0	3500
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		9000	7707	6000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		45000	35000	35000
	Inventory Penalties				
	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
	Excavation Activity Tax		1000	0	0
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		2000	1412	1500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		140000	150300	150000
3230	Building Permits		300	450	500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		4000	4268	4000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		124000	129181	129200
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		28500	28475	28500
3354	Water Pollution Grant		22500	16403	16500
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		2000	4148	4000
	Welfare Lien				
3409	Other Charges		6300	6263	6500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		16800	19100	10000
3502	Interest on Investments		8000	12042	12000
3503-3509	Other Cable Franchise		2000	1972	2000
	Recycling		2000	1438	2000
	Refunds; Other		0	11500	8500
	Insurance Refund		0	25772	0

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM MS-6 BUDGET OF THE TOWN

Pages 1 - 5 APPROPRIATIONS

RSA 32:5 requires this budget be prepared on a "gross" basis, showing all revenues and appropriations. The "Warr. Art. #" column 3 is for the related warrant article numbers for the ensuing year's budget. Complete column 4, entitled "Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA". In column 5 enter the prior year's actual expenditures. If the fiscal year is July-June, enter the actual expenditures for the most recently completed fiscal year. In column 6, enter the selectmen's recommended budget for the coming year and use column 7 for those appropriations not recommended.

SPECIAL AND INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

RSA 32:5 requires all appropriations be listed on the posted form in the appropriate recommended or not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted. At your suggestion, we have redesigned the budget form to make compliance easier. Page 5 provides an area for you to list special and individual warrant articles (also see the section on page 7 summarizing all recommended appropriations).

Pages 6 - 7 REVENUES

Insert last year's estimated and actual revenue in columns 4 & 5. Enter this year's estimate of revenue in the "Estimated Revenue", column 6. The "Warr. Art. #", column 3, is for the related warrant article, if any.

POSTING AND REPORT DISTRIBUTION

A hearing must be held on the budget and a signed copy of this budget must be posted with the warrant. Send a signed copy to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration at our new address above within 20 days after the meeting.

This form is computerized. Send us your blank disk & a self-addressed, stamped mailer for a copy of the spreadsheet.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

Certified Public Accountants

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1998 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

Vachon Clukay & Co. PC

January 22, 1999

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

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TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN
7 SCHOOL STREET, UNIT 101

BENNINGTON, NH 03442

**ANNUAL CITY/TOWN
FINANCIAL REPORT
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Part **GENERAL FUND -** Revenues and expenditures for the period - Specify -
January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998
OR
July 1, 199__ to June 30, 199__

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
1. Revenues from taxes		
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay Plus line 6, column C, page 12)	3110	T01 \$ 1,714,247
b. Taxes assessed for school districts \$ 1,302,462	4933	
c. Land use change taxes	3120	T01 6,490
d. Resident taxes	3180	T01
e. Timber taxes	3185	T01 7,708
f. Payments in lieu of taxes	3186	U99
g. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)	3189	T01
h. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	3190	T01 35,942
i. Excavation Tax (@ \$.02 per cu. yd.)	3187	T99
j. Excavation Activity Tax	3188	T99
i. TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)		\$ 1,764,387
2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)		\$
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees		
a. Business licenses and permits	3210	T99 848
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	3220	T01 151,917
c. Building permits	3230	T99 430

GENERAL FUND (Continued)		
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No.	Amount
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees (Continued)	(a)	(b)
d. Other licenses, permits, and fees	3290	3,834
e. TOTAL		\$ 157,029
4. Revenue from the federal government		
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)	3311	B50 \$
b. Environmental protection	3312	B89
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - Specify -		B89
	3319	
d. TOTAL		\$
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire		C30
a. Shared revenue block grant	3351	\$ 110,270
b. Meals and rooms distribution	3352	C89 18,911
c. Highway block grant	3353	C46 28,475
d. Water pollution grants	3354	C91 16,403
e. Housing and community development	3355	C50
f. State and federal forest land reimbursement	3356	C89
g. Flood control reimbursement	3357	C89
h. Other state grants and reimbursements - Specify -		C
	3359	
i. TOTAL		\$ 174,059
6. Revenue from other governments		D
Intergovernmental revenue - Other	3379	\$ 180
7. Revenue from charges for services (Exclude interfund transfers)		A89
a. Income from departments	3401	\$ 2,241
b. Water supply system charges	3402	A91 40,878
c. Sewer user charges	3403	A80 21,955
d. Garbage-refuse charges	3404	A81
e. Electric user charges	3405	A92
f. Airport fees	3406	A01
g. Other Charges	3409	A89
h. TOTAL		\$ 65,074

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Amount	
	Account No. (a)		(b)
8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources			
a. Special assessments	3500	U01 \$	
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11	29,991
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20	11,617
d. Rents of property	3503	U40	
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U99	
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99	9,795
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U99	850
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99	9,308
i. TOTAL		\$	61,561
9. Interfund operating transfers in			
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912	\$	
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913		
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914		
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915		75,570
e. Transfers from trust and agency funds	3916		2,267
f. TOTAL		\$	77,837
10. Other financial sources			
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934	\$	
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935		
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939		
d. TOTAL		\$	
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		\$	2,300,127
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (Beginning of year) <i>(Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9)</i>		\$	199,739
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12 <i>(Should equal line 21, page 8)</i>		\$	2,499,866

Remarks

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
1. General government				
a. Executive	4130	E29 \$ 61,586	G29 \$	F29 \$
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	4140	E89 11,102	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23 42,061	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23	G23	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25 10,048	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29 66,821	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29 3,039	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31 9,602	G31	F31
i. Cemeteries	4195	E89 10,741	G89	F89
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E89 15,500	G89	F89
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89	G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89 12,628	G89 9,774	F89
m. TOTAL		\$ 243,128	\$ 9,774	\$
2. Public safety				
a. Police	4210	E62 \$ 123,649	G62 \$ 33,223	F62 \$
b. Ambulance	4215	E32 3,000	G32	F32
c. Fire	4220	E24 40,579	G24 12,188	F24
d. Building inspection	4240	E66 750	G66	F66
e. Emergency management	4290	E89	G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89	G89	F89
g. TOTAL		\$ 167,978	\$ 45,411	\$
3. Airport/Aviation center				
a. Administration	4301	\$	\$	\$
b. Airport operations	4302			
c. Other	4309			
f. TOTAL		E01 \$	G01 \$	F01 \$

Remarks

Part 1 GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
4. Highways and streets				
a. Administration	4311	\$	\$	\$
b. Highways and streets	4312	242,200	97,311	
c. Bridges	4313			
d. Street lighting	4316	12,174		
e. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319			
f. TOTAL		E44 \$ 254,374	G44 \$ 97,311	F44 \$
5. Sanitation		E80	G80	F80
a. Administration	4321	\$ 27,212	\$	\$
b. Solid waste collection	4323	E81	G81	F81
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	23,451	G81	F81
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325	E81 6,551	G81	F81
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	E80 27,713	G80	F80
f. Other sanitation	4329	E80 625	G80	F80
g. TOTAL		\$ 85,552	\$	\$
6. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	\$ 16,431	\$	\$
b. Water services	4332	14,238		
c. Water treatment	4335	4,334	2,983	
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water	4339			
f. TOTAL		E91 \$ 35,003	G91 \$ 2,983	F91 \$
7. Electric				
a. Administration	4351	\$	\$	\$
b. Generation	4352			
c. Purchase costs	4353			
d. Equipment maintenance	4354			
e. Other	4359			
f. TOTAL		E92 \$	G92 \$	F92 \$

GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
8. Health				
a. Administration	4411	\$ 753	\$	\$
b. Pest control	4414			
c. Health agencies and hospitals	4415	5,271		
d. Other health	4419			
e. TOTAL		E32 \$ 6,024	G32 \$	F32 \$
9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)		\$	\$	\$
10. Welfare		E79	G79	F79
a. Administration	4441	\$ 1,559	\$	\$
b. Direct assistance	4442	E67 9,065		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments	4444	M79		
d. Vendor payments	4445	E75		
e. Other welfare	4449	E79 18	G79	F79
f. TOTAL		\$ 10,642	\$	\$
11. Culture and recreation				
a. Parks and recreation	4520	E61 \$ 11,615	G61 \$	F61 \$
b. Library	4550	E62 25,410	G62	F62
c. Patriotic purposes	4583	E61 699	G61	F61
d. Other culture and recreation	4589	E61 500	G61	F61
e. TOTAL		\$ 38,224	\$	\$
12. Conservation				
a. Administration	4611	\$	\$	\$
b. Purchase of natural resources	4612			
c. Other conservation	4619			
b. TOTAL		E59 \$	G59 \$	F59 \$
13. Redevelopment and housing				
a. Administration	4631	\$	\$	\$
b. Redevelopment and housing	4632			
c. TOTAL		E50 \$	G50 \$	F50 \$

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
14. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	\$	\$	\$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. TOTAL		E89 \$	G89 \$	F89 \$
15. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	\$ 28,050	\$	\$
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	189 21,868		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	189 7,644		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23		
e. TOTAL		\$ 57,562	\$	\$
16. Capital outlay				
a. Land and improvements	4901	G \$	\$	\$
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902	G		
c. Buildings	4903	F		
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909	F		
e. TOTAL		\$	\$	\$
17. Interfund operating transfers out				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	\$ 12,050	\$	\$
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	66,500		
e. Transfers to trust and agency funds	4916	5,000		
f. TOTAL		\$ 83,550	\$	\$
Remarks				

	Page	1
GENERAL FUND (Continued)		

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)

	No. (a)	expenditure (b)	land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
18. Payments to other governments				
a. Taxes assessed for county	4931	\$ 96,364	\$	\$
b. Taxes assessed for precincts/village districts	4932			
c. Taxes assessed for school districts	4933	1,302,462		
d. Payments to other governments	4939			
e. TOTAL		\$ 1,398,826	\$	\$
19. TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 2,380,863	\$ 155,479	\$
20. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (End of year) (Should equal line B2f, column c, on page 9 and line 13 on page 3, less line 19 above)		\$ 119,003		
21. TOTAL OF LINES 19 AND 20 (Should equal line 13 on page 3)		\$ 2,499,866		

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GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - Please specify the period -				
As of December 31, 1998 OR June 30, 199__				
A. ASSETS		Account number (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets				
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 375,634	\$ 368,058	
b. Investments	1030		50,908	
c. Taxes receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1080	157,749	170,094	
d. Tax liens receivable (See worksheet, page 12)	1110	133,954	117,083	
e. Accounts receivable	1150	91	6,558	
f. Due from other governments	1260	1,443		
g. Due from other funds	1310	4,355		
h. Other current assets	1400	5,140	2,963	
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670			
j. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3)		\$ 678,366	\$ 715,664	
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
1. Current liabilities				
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 14,462	\$ 18,038	
b. Compensated absences payable	2030			
c. Contracts payable	2050			
d. Due to other governments	2070	283	579	
e. Due to school districts	2075	463,882	491,140	
f. Due to other funds	2080		5,741	
g. Deferred revenue	2220		30,255	
h. Notes payable - Current	2230			
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250			
j. Other payables	2270		50,908	
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 478,627	\$ 596,661	
2. Fund equity				
a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 13)	2440	\$ 6,998	\$ 8,189	
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations (Detail on page 13)	2450			
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460			
d. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on page 13)	2490	1,929	4,209	
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	190,812	106,605	
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 199,739	\$ 119,003	
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Should equal line A1j)			\$ 715,664	

Part IV GENERAL FUND						
A. FIXED ASSET GROUP OF ACCOUNTS (Please specify date)		Account number (a)	Beginning of year		End of year	
			Debit (b)	Credit (c)	Debit (d)	Credit (e)
As of December 31, 1998 OR June 30, 199__						
1. Land and improvements		1610	\$		\$	
2. Buildings		1620				
3. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment		1640				
4. Construction in progress		1650				
5. Improvements other than buildings		1660				
6. Tax deeded property		1670				
7. Investment in general fixed assets		2800				
8. TOTAL			\$	\$	\$	\$
B. LONG-TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS (Please specify date)						
As of December 31, 1998 OR June 30, 199__						
1. Bond proceeds not used		1810	\$		\$	
2. Amount to be provided for the retirement of long-term debt		1820		440,948		454,234
3. Notes and bonds payable - Long-term		2310			366,750	338,700
4. Other long-term liabilities		2390			74,198	115,534
5. TOTAL			\$	440,948	\$ 440,948	\$ 454,234

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GENERAL FUND (Continued)

C. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (Please specify date)

As of December 31, 1998

OR
June 30, 199

Description of general obligation bonds (Please also list total original obligation)

Purpose (a)	Annual installment (b)	Interest rate (c)	Date of final payment (d)	Bonds o/s at beginning of year (e)	Bonds issued this year (f)	Bonds retired this year (g)	Bonds o/s at end of year (h)
1. \$352,400 - 1981	Water	5.00%	Nov. 2010	\$ 200,400	\$	12,000	\$ 188,400
2. \$28,234 - 1984	Sewer	5.00%	Oct. 2004	10,400		1,300	9,100
3. \$260,680 - 1985	Sewer	7.6 - 8.8%	Feb. 2005	80,000		10,000	70,000
4. \$128,200 - 1986	Sewer	6.625%	Feb. 2013	75,950		4,750	71,200
5.							
6.							
7.							
8. TOTAL				\$ 366,750	\$	28,050	\$ 338,700

D. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT AS OF (Enter date) December 31, 1998 FOR THE ENSUING FIVE YEARS

Year (a)	Principal (b)	Interest (c)	Total (d)
1999	\$ 28,050	\$ 19,985	\$ 48,035
2000	28,050	18,110	46,160
2001	28,050	16,267	44,317
2002	33,050	14,354	47,404
2003	33,050	12,273	45,323
	150,250	80,989	231,239
6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)			
7. Remaining periods of debt	188,450	41,010	229,460
8. TOTAL (Sum of lines 6 and 7)	\$ 338,700	\$ 121,999	\$ 460,699

Other Long-Term Liabilities consists of the following:

Estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs

\$115,534

RECONCILIATIONS

A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

	Amount
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)	\$ 463,882
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year (Should equal Account number 4933, on page 8)	1,302,462
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)	1,766,344
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	(1,275,204)
5. School district liability at end of year (lines 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)	491,140

B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

	Amount
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	61V \$
2. ADD: New issues during current year	250,000
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	(250,000)
4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 - 3) (Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 9)	64V

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET

	Current year (a)	Prior year (b)	TOTAL (c)
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*	9,736	20,000	29,736
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)	(3,925)	(7,413)	(11,338)
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	()	()	()
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	(4,756)	()	(4,756)
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**	()	(40,608)	(40,608)
6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)	1,055	(28,021)	(26,966)

*Use overlay amount for column (a) and use last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b (see your form from last year).

**The amount in column c will go into line 1(b) for next year's worksheet.

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET

	1080 taxes (a)	1110 liens (b)	TOTALS (c)
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$ 170,094	\$ 157,691	\$ 327,785
2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)	()	(40,608)	(40,608)
3. Receivable, end of year*	170,094	117,083	287,177

*(These amounts are entered on page 9, account number 1080 and 1110, column c)

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Account number	Item	Amount
(a)	(b)	(c)
2440	Reserve for encumbrances:	
	Newhall plaque	\$1,712
	Volunteer plaque	477
	Highway department artesian well	5,000
	Town hall parking lot	1,000
		<u>\$8,189</u>
2490	Reserve for special purposes:	
	Household hazardous waste	\$1,246
	Prepaid expenses	2,963
		<u>\$4,209</u>

Please Detail Reserves from page 9 (Balance Sheet).

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SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS -

Please specify the period -

January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 OR July 1, 199__ to June 30, 199__

	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Enterprise (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Internal service (d)	
REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
1. Revenue from taxes	T01 \$	T01 \$	T01 \$		\$
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	T99	T99	T99		
3. Revenue from the federal government	B89	B89	B89		
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89	C89	C89		
5. Revenue from other governments	D89	D89	D89		
6. Revenue from charges for services			A91		
(a) Water supply system charges			A80		
(b) Sewer user charges			A81		
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges					
(d) Other - Specify -					
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	U20	U20	U20		U20
(a) Interest on investments		121			
(b) Other miscellaneous sources		6,463			
8. Interfund operating transfers in		12,050			
9. Other financial sources					
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	\$ 18,634	\$	\$	\$

January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 OR July 1, 199__ to June 30, 199__

EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)	Capital projects		Special revenue		Proprietary funds	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	Enterprise	Internal service
1. General government	F89 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$		
2. Public safety	F89	E89	E89	E89		
3. Sanitation	F80	E80	E80	E80		
4. Water distribution and treatment	F91		E91	E91		
5. Health	F32	E32	E32	E32		
6. Welfare	F79	E79	E79	E79		
7. Culture and recreation	F61	E61	E61	E61		
8. Conservation	F59	E59	E59	E59		
9. Redevelopment and housing	F50	E50	E50	E50		
10. Economic development	F89	E89	E89	E89		
11. Debt service						
12. Capital outlay	F89	F89	F89	F89		
13. Interfund operating transfers out						
14. Payments to other governments						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	\$	18,742	\$	\$	\$
Remarks						

Part 5 BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -

As of December 31, 1998 OR June 30, 199__

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
A. ASSETS					
1. Current assets					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010 \$		\$ 7,394	\$	\$
(b) Investments	1030				
(c) Accounts receivable	1150				
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310				
(f) Other Specify -					
2. Fixed assets					
(a) Land and improvements	1610 \$		\$	\$	\$
(b) Buildings	1620				
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
(d) Construction in progress	1650				
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660				
(f) Other Specify -					
3. TOTAL ASSETS	\$	\$	\$ 7,394	\$	\$

Part 1 BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued) - Please specify the period -

As of December 31, 1998 OR June 30, 199__

B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
1. Liabilities					
(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020 \$		\$	\$	\$
(b) Compensated absences payable	2030				
(c) Contracts payable	2050				
(d) Due to other governments	2070				
(e) Due to other funds	2080				
(f) Deferred revenue	2220		3,000		
(g) Notes and bonds payable					
(h) Other Specify -					
(i) TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$		\$ 3,000	\$	\$
2. Fund equity/Capital					
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440 \$		\$		
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490				
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530		4,394		
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
(e) Other contributed capital	2620				
(f) Retained earnings	2790				
(g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY			4,394		
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$		\$ 7,394	\$	\$

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET

The data requested below should be included in parts I-IV. By supplying this information you will not be asked to complete Census Bureau forms F21 or F22.

A. ALL FUNDS (ADDITIONAL)		Account No. (a)	TOTAL (d)	Equipment and land (c)	Construction (d)
Revenue					
Parks and recreation	3409	A61 \$			
Parking	3409	A60			
Electric power system		A92			
Transit or bus system		A94			
Expenditure					
Parking	3409	E60 \$		G60	F60
Vital statistics	4140	E32		G32	F32
Other hospitals - payments to hospitals operated privately	4415	E38	5,271	G38	F38
Money paid DIRECTLY to needy persons NOT covered by Federal programs (general relief, home relief, poor relief, etc.	4442	E68	9,065		
Electric power system		E92		G92	F92
Transit or bus system		E94		G94	F94

B. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Report payments made to the State or other local governments ON REIMBURSEMENT OR COST-SHARING BASIS. Do not include these expenditures in part VI.

Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount paid to other local governments (c)
Schools		M12 \$
Sewers		M80
All other - County	4931	M89
All other - Towns	4199	M89
Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount paid to the State (c)
Highways	4319	L44
All other purposes	4199	L89

C. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Long-term debt purpose (a)	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (b)	Bonds during this fiscal year		Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year	
		Issued (c)	Retired (d)	General obligations (e)	Revenue bonds (f)
Water-sewer utility	19A 366,750	29A	39A 28,050	41A 338,700	44A
Industrial revenue	19T	29T	34T		44T
All other debt	19X	29X	39X	41X	44X
Education	19H	29F	39F	41F	44F
Interest on water debt	19i				

Part IX	SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET (Continued)
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D. SALARIES AND WAGES

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. Include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.

Total wages paid
Z00
\$275,946

E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

Report separately for each of the three types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at par value. Include in the sinking fund total any mortgages and notes receivable held as offsets to housing and industrial financing loans. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.

Type of fund (a)	Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents (b)
Bond funds - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31
All other funds except employee retirement funds	W61
	\$705,703
CENSUS USE ONLY	W01

Part X	CERTIFICATION
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This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signatures of a majority of the governing body:

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three copies of this report are sent to each municipality. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When completed, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed in your municipal records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

Please be sure you have completed Part IX, items A-E.

WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)

* For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1.

* For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1.

WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration
State of New Hampshire
Municipal Services Division
PO Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

P.O. BOX 1122
CONCORD, NH 03302-1122
PHONE (603) 271-3397



REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED
(RSA 21-J:34)

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 1998

TOWN/CITY: Bennington COUNTY: Hillsborough

Mailing Address: 7 School St., #101
Bennington, NH 03442

PHONE #: (603) 588-2189 E-MAIL: _____

FAX # : (603) 588-8005

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED
(To be completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GOVERNING BODY (Selectmen)
Please sign in ink.

James A. Gray _____

Penalty: Failure to file within 20 days after each meeting at which appropriations were voted may result in a \$5.00 per day penalty for each day's delay (RSA 21-J:36).

(Rev. 1997)

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Rev.
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		65,642	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		11,048	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		39,024	
4152	Revaluation of Property			
4153	Legal Expense		8,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		57,795	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		3,585	
4194	General Government Buildings		11,150	
4195	Cemeteries		2,480	
4196	Insurance		19,520	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	Contingency	3,000	
4199	Other General Government			
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		91,475	
4215-4219	Ambulance		3,000	
4220-4229	Fire		32,800	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		750	
4290-4298	Emergency Management			
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)			
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301	Administration			
4302	Airport Operations			
4309	Other			
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		136,271	
4312	Highways and Streets			
4313	Bridges		1,000	
4316	Street Lighting		12,374	
4319	Other			
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		22,526	
4323	Solid Waste Collection			

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Rev.
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		25,257	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other		28,500	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		17,800	
4332	Water Services			
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other		20,550	
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351	Administration			
4352	Generation			
4353	Purchase Costs			
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			
4359	Other Electric Costs			
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		793	
4414	Pest Control			
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		5,421	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance		5,088	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		845	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		5,150	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		11,500	
4550-4559	Library		38,324	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation Scholarship		500	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources		475	
4619	Other Conservation			
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING			
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		28,050	

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Rev.
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		21,898	
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land & Improvements			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	10 / 11 12	2,500 / 650 2,983	
4903	Buildings	6 / 8 9	47,700 / 6,825 2,200	
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	12 / 13 14	5,244 / 5,798 600	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sever-			
	Water-			
	Electric-			
	Airport-			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15-24 inclusive	66,500	
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)	25	5,000	
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Agency Funds			
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			888,591	

SPECIAL NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE MS-2 FORM

This form must contain all the appropriations passed at an annual or special meeting. Combine all the approved and amended appropriations from pages 1 - 3 of the MS-6 posted budget form (pages 1 - 6 of the MS-7 for those municipalities which have adopted a budget committee). List the appropriate warrant article number in the Warr.Art.# column.

Do not cross off any accounts to enter your own titles. We have included the entire chart of accounts for reporting purposes. Please call us if you have any questions or need help in classifying any of your approved appropriations.

The revenue page, form MS4, is due September 1 and will be mailed to you in the summer.

(Rev. 1997)

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1998	\$ 371,925.50
Receipts	2,737,599.76
Disbursements	<u>(2,746,026.93)</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 1998	\$ 363,498.33

CONSERVATION FUND

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1998	\$ 3,916.70
Interest Earned to December 31, 1998	<u>101.90</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 1998	\$ 4,018.60

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1998	\$ 1,214.22
Interest Earned to December 31, 1998	<u>31.59</u>
Ending Balance December 25, 1998	\$ 1,245.81

SAWYER PARK

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1998	\$ 252.99
Interest Earned	4.42
Transferred to General Account September 25, 1998	<u>(257.41)</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 1998	\$ -0-

WELCOME SIGN

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1998	\$ 462.49
Interest Earned	3.28
Transferred to General Account September 28, 1998	<u>(465.77)</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 1998	\$ -0-

Joyce L. Miner,
Treasurer

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$147,594.00
Municipal Agent Fees		3,732.50
Motor Vehicle Titles		586.00
UCC & IRS Lien Filings		847.60
Marriage Licenses:	Town	119.00
	State	646.00
Certified Copies:	Town	62.00
	State	78.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	1,387.00
	State	146.50
	Animal Population Control	544.00
Dog License Fines		25.00
Bad Check Fees		80.50
Corporate Filing Fee		5.00
Election Fees		<u>11.00</u>
Total Revenue Collected By The Town Clerk		\$155,864.10

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Valerie Germain, Town Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487
CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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1998

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

CITY/TOWN OF Bennington IN Hillsborough COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34

Selectmen of Bennington, NH

Date September 1, 1998

(Please Sign in Ink)

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34, as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon blanks prescribed for that purpose.

Return this completed Summary Inventory form to the Dept. of Revenue Administration, P.O. Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 by September 1st.

You may duplicate Page 5 for each district whose valuation differs from the Town/City valuation; please note the name of the district at the top of each Page 5 provided. Thank you.

PENALTY: FAILURE TO FILE BY SEPTEMBER 1st MAY RESULT IN \$5.00 PER DAY PENALTY FOR EACH DAY'S DELAY. (RSA 21-J:36)

NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3 AND 4 (ALSO PAGE 5, IF APPLICABLE) OF THIS REPORT.

Revised 1998

Name of Municipality: Bennington

MS-1

Name of Municipality: _____						For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year Valuation)	
LAND	(Items 1A, B, C & D)-List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving)		NUMBER OF ACRES	19 ASSESSED VALUATION			
BUILDINGS	(Items 2A, B & C)-List all buildings						
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed in Items 3,4,5 & 6				\$			
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)			4285.6	\$	445244		
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-b)				\$			
C. Residential			3981	\$	13681500		
D. Commercial/Industrial			116	\$	3526500		
E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)				\$	17653244		
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$)				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3,4,5 & 6							
A. Residential					35507700		
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31					1234000		
C. Commercial/Industrial					8927100		
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B & C)					45668800		
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$)					XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3. PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water company serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)				\$			
4. PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution		4. Gas >>>>>>>>>>	\$				
5. including production machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual		5. Electric>>>>>>>>>>	\$	1183100			
6. company in space provided on page 3. (RSA 72:12)		6. Oil Pipeline>>>>>>>>	\$				
7. Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)				\$			
8. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1E, 2D, 3,4,5, 6 & 7)				\$	64505144		
9. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37		(Number) \$	\$				
10. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39, 72:43-b, 72:43-f & 72:43-h		(Number 20) \$	\$	560000			
11. Physically handicapped Exemption RSA 72:37-a		(Number) \$	\$				
12. Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b		(Number) \$	\$				
13. Solar/Windpower Exemption RSA 72:62 & 72:66		(Number) \$	\$				
14. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23		(Number) \$	\$				
15. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a		(Number 1) \$	\$	2527300			
16. Wood Heating Energy System Exemption		(Number) \$	\$				
17. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)				\$	3087300		
18. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)				\$	61417844		

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES The amounts listed in this section should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	PER RSA 362-A:6.III Amount Apportioned To SCHOOL
19. State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land From MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357	\$	XXXXXXXXXX
20. Other From MS-4, acct. 3186: Town of Antrim	\$ 500	\$
21. Other From MS-4, acct. 3186:	\$	\$
22. Other From MS-4, acct. 3186:	\$	\$

EXCAVATION ACTIVITY TAX PER 72-B:12	MONIES RECEIVED FROM MS-4, PAGE 1	VALUATION OF PIT AREA(S)
23. The amounts listed in this section must not be included in the assessed valuation column on page 2.	\$	\$

TAX CREDITS	Limits	Number of Individuals	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
24. Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with V.A. assistance	Unlimited		EXEMPT
25. Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$700/\$1,400	1	\$ 2800
26. Other war service credits	\$50/\$100	63	\$ 6250
27. Other credits (wood, solar, etc)	XXXXXX		\$
28. TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	XXXXXX	64	\$ 9050

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT						
NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WITH INITIAL APPLICATION FOR ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR			TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR			
AGE	#	AMOUNT	AGE	#	AMOUNT	TOTAL
65 - 74	17	\$ 340000	65 - 74	12	\$ 20,000	\$ 240,000
75 - 79	8	\$ 320000	75 - 79	8	\$ 40,000	\$ 320,000
80+	6	\$ 360000	80+		\$	\$
****	****	****	TOTAL*			\$ 560,000 *
(* must agree with amount on page 2, item 10)						

Name of Municipality: Bennington

MS-1

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC GAS & PIPELINE COMPANY

Insert valuation of plant used in production, distribution and transmission. The total in each column should agree with the totals listed under the corresponding items on Page 2 of this report. (RSA 72-8)

NAME OF COMPANY	GAS Item 4, Page 2	ELECTRIC Item 5, Page 2	OIL PIPELINE Item 6, Page 2
Public Service Co.		1183100	
TOTAL		1183100	

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	# ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	# OF ACRES
FARM LAND	160.1	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	
FOREST LAND	3898	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	1.44
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	95.7	# <input type="text" value="63"/> OF OWNERS GRANTED CURRENT USE	4285.6
WET LAND	131.8	# <input type="text" value="188"/> OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	4285.6
TOTAL	4285.6	****	****

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B

	# ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSMNT.	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	# OF ACRES
FARM LAND		RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	
FOREST LAND		REMOVED FROM CONS. RES. ASSMNT. DURING CURRENT YEAR	
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND		# <input type="text"/> OF OWNERS GRANTED CONS. RESTRICTION	
WET LAND		# <input type="text"/> OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	
TOTAL			

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C

# OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	# OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED: (I.E. GOLF COURSE, BALL PARK, ETC.) (THIS SECTION OPTIONAL)
		1.
****	****	2.
****	****	3.

Bennington

Name of Village District:				19 98 ASSESSED VALUATION	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year Valuation)
LAND	(Items 1 A, B, C & D)-List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving)		NUMBER OF ACRES		
BUILDINGS	(Items 2A, B & C)-List all buildings				
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed in Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-A)			4285.6	\$ 445244	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-b)				\$	
C. Residential			3981	\$ 13681500	
D. Commercial/Industrial			116	\$ 3526500	
E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)				\$ 17653244	
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$)				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3,4,5 & 6 A. Residential				35507700	
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31				1234000	
C. Commercial/Industrial				8927100	
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B & C)				45668800	
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$)				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3. PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water company serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)				\$	
4. PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution		4. Gas >>>>>>>>>>>>	\$		
5. including production machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual		5. Electric>>>>>>>>>>>>	\$ 1183100		
6. company in space provided on page 3. (RSA 72:12)		6. Oil Pipeline>>>>>>>>>>>>	\$		
7. Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)				\$	
8. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of 1E, 2D, 3,4,5, 6 & 7)				\$ 64505144	
9. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 (Number) \$			\$		
10. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39, 72:43-b, 72:43-f & 72:43-h (Number 20) \$			\$ 560000		
11. Physically handicapped Exemption RSA 72:37-a (Number) \$			\$		
12. Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b (Number) \$			\$		
13. Solar/Windpower Exemption RSA 72:62 & 72:66 (Number) \$			\$		
14. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 (Number) \$			\$		
15. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a (Number 1) \$			\$ 2527300		
16. Wood Heating Energy System Exemption (Number) \$			\$		
17. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)				\$ 3087300	
18. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)				\$ 61417844	

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
Concord, NH 03302-0487
1998 Tax Rate Calculation

Town/City of: BENNINGTON

Tax
Rates

Appropriations 965,691
Less: Revenues 549,968
Less: Shared Revenues 19,978
Add: Overlay 9,736
War Service Credits 9,100

Net Town Appropriation 414,581
Special Adjustment 0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort 414,581
Municipal Tax Rate 6.75

-- School Portion --
Due to Local School 0
Due to Regional School 1,302,462
Less: Shared Revenues 59,099

Net School Appropriation 1,243,363
Special Adjustment 0

Approved School(s) Tax Effort 1,243,363
School(s) Tax Rate 20.24

-- County Portion --
Due to County 96,364
Less: Shared Revenues 4,514

Net County Appropriation 91,850
Special Adjustment 0

Approved County Tax Effort 91,850
County Tax Rate 1.50

Combined Tax Rate 28.49
Total Property Taxes Assessed 1,749,794
Less: War Service Credits (9,100)
Add: Village District Commitment(s) 0

Total Property Tax Commitment 1,740,694

-- Proof of Rate --
Net Assessed Valuation Tax Rate Assessment

61,417,844 28.49 1,749,794

Andrea M. Reid
10/8/98

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

	TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:			ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
	1997	1996	PRIOR	
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 1998		\$76,191.22	\$73,551.48	\$18,474.99
Liens Executed 1998	\$88,363.66			\$7,857.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	<u>\$1,133.84</u>	<u>\$6,135.17</u>	<u>\$13,730.51</u>	<u>\$703.60</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$89,497.50	\$82,326.39	\$87,281.99	\$27,035.59
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REMITTANCE TO TREASURER				
Redemptions	\$12,915.55	\$25,416.07	\$40,493.07	\$5,640.00
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	\$1,133.84	\$6,135.17	\$13,730.51	\$703.60
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes	\$1,590.58			
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 1998	<u>\$73,857.53</u>	<u>\$50,775.15</u>	<u>\$33,058.41</u>	<u>\$20,691.99</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$89,497.50	\$82,326.39	\$87,281.99	\$27,035.59

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted

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TAX COLLECTOR

Public places...



...changing faces



TAX DOLLARS and private philanthropy combined to change the appearance of three of Bennington's public buildings in 1998. Citizens approved a \$47,700 appropriation to provide new quarters for the Highway department (above). A gift from Pearl Walker provided funding for most of the new wing of the Historical Society Building (center) and the Fire Station got matching brickwork on three sides and new doors.

(Photos courtesy of Chief Campbell).

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

	1998	1997
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01/01/98		
Property Taxes		\$155,248.50
Yield Taxes		\$1,055.65
 TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$1,745,309.00	
Yield Taxes	\$7,707.99	
Current Use Change Tax	\$6,490.00	
 OVERPAYMENT		
Property Taxes	\$1,464.00	\$1,036.14
1999 Prepaid	\$4,905.46	
 INTEREST - PENALTIES	<u>\$1,891.88</u>	<u>\$12,346.57</u>
 TOTAL DEBITS	 \$1,767,768.33	 \$169,686.86
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REMITTED TO TREASURER 1998		
Property Taxes	\$1,581,449.76	\$150,462.32
Yield Taxes	\$7,707.99	\$1,055.65
Current Use Change Tax	\$2,700.00	
Interest/Penalties	\$1,891.88	\$12,346.57
 ABATEMENTS		
Property Taxes	\$3,925.00	\$5,822.32
Yield Taxes		
 UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/98		
Property Taxes	\$166,303.70	
Yield Taxes		
Current Use Change Tax	<u>\$3,790.00</u>	<u> </u>
 TOTAL CREDITS	 \$1,767,768.33	 \$169,686.86

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WATER & SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

Unpaid Balance January 1, 1998 \$5,656.52

Charges:

Water Usage	\$40,351.69
Water Interest	\$151.70
Shut-off Notice Fees	\$96.00
Water Department Fees	\$80.00
Water Service Connection Deposit	\$200.00
Sewer Usage	\$21,884.83
Sewer Interest	<u>\$70.56</u>

TOTAL CHARGES + \$62,834.78
\$68,491.30

Abatements Granted

Water	\$1.70
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>

TOTAL ABATEMENTS - **\$1.70**

Receipts To Treasurer - \$62,345.17

**Unpaid Water/Sewer
December 31, 1998** **\$6,144.43**

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Respectfully Submitted

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TAX COLLECTOR

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property	\$1,581,449.76
Interest & Penalties	1,891.88
Current Use Change	2,700.00
Yield	<u>7,707.99</u>

\$1,593,749.63

LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property	\$ 150,462.32
Interest and Penalties	12,346.57
Yield	1,055.65
Tax Liens Redeemed	84,464.69
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	<u>21,703.12</u>

\$ 270,032.35

WATER DEPARTMENT

\$ 41,358.01

SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$ 20,987.16

TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$ 155,864.10

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Shared Revenue	\$ 129,181.12
Highway Block Grant	28,474.56
Water Pollution Grant	<u>16,403.00</u>

\$ 174,058.68

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

\$ 241,200.00

INTEREST EARNED ON DEPOSITS

\$ 10,042.60

WELFARE LIEN

\$ 6,263.46

DIVIDENDS/REFUNDS

Property Liability Insurance	\$ 606.48
Worker's Compensation	3,344.51
Unemployment	324.87
Highway Truck	422.24
Police Cruiser	25,350.00
Fuel Oil	<u>1,930.11</u>

\$ 31,978.21

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

Building Permits	\$ 450.00
Driveway	10.00
Demolition	20.00
Cable Franchise Fees	1,971.80
Pistol Permits	10.00
Sign	<u>20.00</u>

		\$ 2,481.80
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		
Police	\$ 2,177.49	
Recreation	999.21	
Planning Board	319.89	
Zoning Board	198.41	
Violation of Ordinances	150.00	
Election & Registration	70.00	
Photocopies	74.25	
Recycling	1,668.25	
Cemetery	<u>150.00</u>	
		\$ 5,807.50
SALE OF TAX DEEDED PROPERTY		\$ 13,740.78
SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY		
Land	\$ 3,000.00	
Highway Truck	<u>13,100.00</u>	
		\$ 16,100.00
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS		
Police Vest Funds	\$ 650.00	
Newhall Field	200.00	
Close Out Sign Donation Account	<u>465.77</u>	
		\$ 1,315.77
REIMBURSEMENTS		
Conval School District	\$ 1,415.72	
Health Insurance	3,166.38	
Welfare Department	<u>200.00</u>	
		\$ 4,782.10
TOTAL 1998 RECEIPTS		\$2,589,762.15

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1998

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$ 2,250.00	
Administrative Assistant	32,196.61	
Part-Time Office Support	10,874.88	
Moderator Salary	60.00	
Telephone	2,275.81	
Computer Support	2,338.59	
Xerox Machine Rental	1,890.03	
Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	
Advertising	661.60	
General Supplies	449.66	
Office Supplies	1,728.17	
Postage	2,304.29	
Miscellaneous Expenses	36.00	
Mileage	513.25	
Printing - Newsletter	1,801.00	
Printing 1997 Town Report	<u>1,281.05</u>	
Total Executive Office		\$ 61,160.94

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$ 6,855.67	
Deputy Town Clerk	1,114.90	
Assistant Town Clerk	603.36	
Dues & Subscriptions	65.00	
Town Clerk Office Supplies	128.88	
Supervisors of the Checklist	675.00	
Conval Supervisor Salaries	180.00	
Advertising	86.06	
Supervisor Office Supplies	45.00	
Ballot Clerks	492.00	
Election Printing	579.75	
Election Meals	<u>231.90</u>	
Total Election & Registration		\$ 11,057.52

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$ 4,603.00	
Assessing	4,304.50	
Tax Collector/Bookkeeper	29,604.16	
Tax Collector Dues	15.00	
Tax Collector Fees	1,332.80	
Treasurer's Salary	<u>750.00</u>	
Total Financial Administration		\$ 40,609.46

JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE

General Legal Support	<u>\$ 5,724.97</u>	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense		\$ 5,724.97

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Health Insurance	\$ 36,915.62	
Dental Insurance	2,103.24	
FICA	13,366.79	
Medicare	3,979.92	
Retirement	7,769.23	
Unemployment Compensation	431.21	
Miscellaneous Payroll Taxes	<u>1,930.20</u>	
Total Personnel Administration		\$ 66,496.21

PLANNING & ZONING

Recording Secretary	\$ 680.00	
SWRPC Membership Dues	1,406.00	
Planning Board Miscellaneous	851.82	
Zoning Board Miscellaneous	<u>76.85</u>	
Total Planning & Zoning		\$ 3,014.67

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$ 2,510.99	
Security/Fire Alarms	1,051.85	
Electricity	1,917.97	
Heat & Oil	1,336.81	
Repairs & Maintenance	1,591.47	
Supplies	<u>138.93</u>	
Total Government Buildings		\$ 8,548.02

CEMETERIES

Evergreen Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 2,936.45	
Sunnyside Cemetery Maintenance	<u>1,809.50</u>	
Total Cemeteries		\$ 4,745.95

PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE

NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$ <u>15,500.00</u>	
Total Insurance		\$ 15,500.00

OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Contingency Fund	\$ <u>1,122.92</u>	
Total Other General Government		\$ 1,122.92

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Full-Time Officers Salary	\$ 59,220.54	
Part-Time Officers Salary	13,093.07	
Telephone	3,137.46	
Lease of Pagers	394.61	
Medical Services	111.00	
Photo Services	163.60	
Dispatch Services	4,590.00	
Equipment/Training Supplies	2,105.68	
Office Supplies	502.59	
Postage	32.00	

Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	549.79		
Gasoline	2,194.58		
Vehicle Repairs	1,739.28		
Books/Periodicals	411.18		
Uniforms	1,165.22		
Miscellaneous	206.63		
Education/Safety	<u>50.00</u>		
Total Police Department		\$	89,667.23
ANTRIM AMBULANCE	\$ 3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 1,000.00		
Telephone	381.89		
Dispatch Services	1,756.06		
Supplies	2,167.39		
Fire Fighter Emergency Calls	4,434.00		
Training/Medical	1,109.96		
Equipment Replacement	9,047.70		
Radio Repairs	906.50		
Gasoline	740.51		
Vehicle Repairs	2,250.71		
Electricity	1,348.13		
Heating Oil	581.35		
Building Repairs/Maintenance	<u>1,187.43</u>		
Total Fire Department		\$	26,911.63
BUILDING INSPECTION	\$ 750.00	\$	750.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
Highway Laborers Salary	\$ 53,464.02		
Telephone	567.66		
Lease of Pager	197.04		
Drug/Alcohol Testing	220.00		
Electricity	794.95		
Heat & Oil	1,291.80		
Building Maintenance/Repair	642.19		
Supplies	4,055.31		
Street Signs	173.00		
Equipment Maintenance/Repair	3,381.51		
Gasoline/Oil	3,651.32		
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	3,652.39		
Miscellaneous	<u>731.50</u>		
Total General Highway		\$	72,822.69
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Tar/Patch/Seal	\$ 12,411.03		
Paving	35,014.10		
Road Maintenance Supplies	568.27		
Road Drainage Supplies	1,311.18		

Snow/Ice Supplies	11,884.21	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	2,642.50	
Gravel Preparation	<u>4,675.00</u>	
Total Highways & Streets		\$ 68,506.29
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 10,282.62	\$ 10,282.62
TRANSFER STATION		
Attendant Salaries	\$ 27,041.48	
Dues	100.00	
Telephone	420.80	
Hauling & Disposal	16,963.64	
Electricity	1,115.22	
Shed Heat	156.70	
Supplies	1,401.80	
Equipment Maintenance	124.35	
Certification	166.00	
Chemical Toilet	715.00	
Miscellaneous	8.50	
Recyclables Removal	580.12	
Container Lease	1,027.00	
Highway Department Assistance	391.39	
Hazardous Waste Day	<u>625.00</u>	
Total Transfer Station		\$ 50,837.00
WATER DEPARTMENT		
Labor Wages/Salaries	\$ 886.00	
Town of Antrim	14,742.63	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	100.00	
Postage	468.25	
Miscellaneous	243.19	
Telephone	717.84	
Electricity	6,761.42	
Pumphouse Heat	60.70	
Water Line Repairs/Maintenance	2,676.13	
Corrosion Control Chemicals	<u>1,350.51</u>	
Total Water Department		\$ 28,006.67
SEWER DEPARTMENT		
Groundskeeping	\$ 15.00	
Town of Antrim	21,167.31	
Electricity	2,718.85	
Propane	611.90	
Repair/Maintenance	<u>2,152.15</u>	
Total Sewer Department		\$ 26,665.21
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Officer Salary	\$ 743.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Health Department		\$ 753.00

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	\$ 4,000.00	
Monadnock Family/Mental Health	<u>1,271.00</u>	
Total Health Agencies		\$ 5,271.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Officer Salary	\$ 1,493.00	
Telephone Reimbursement	34.09	
Dues & Subscriptions	25.00	
Rental Assistance	3,893.41	
Meals on Wheels	650.00	
Medical Assistance	1,111.48	
Food Assistance	877.56	
Electric/Heat Assistance	2,470.71	
Gasoline Assistance	13.26	
Miscellaneous	<u>17.82</u>	
Total Welfare Department		\$ 10,586.33

PARKS & RECREATION

Telephone	\$ 514.29	
Christmas Celebration	270.05	
Fishing Derby	200.00	
Little League Baseball	1,100.00	
Soccer	474.00	
Groundskeeping	3,086.46	
Electricity - Newhall Field	470.74	
Chemical Toilets	738.06	
Lifeguard Salary	4,097.50	
Beach Groundskeeping	191.55	
Beach Improvements	788.45	
Water Sampling/Analysis	36.00	
Chemical Toilets (Beach)	165.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>275.74</u>	
Total Parks & Recreation		\$ 12,407.84

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

\$ 699.29	\$ 699.29
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GEP DODGE LIBRARY

Librarian/Assistants Salary	\$ 21,515.98	
Book Collection	9,000.00	
Telephone	836.32	
Electricity	547.78	
Heat & Oil	711.92	
Groundskeeping	54.00	
Building Maintenance	59.29	
Photo Copier	1,500.00	
Program Supplies	225.00	
Conference/Fees	<u>1,325.00</u>	
Total GEP Dodge Library		\$ 35,775.25

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES		
Principal	\$ 241,200.00	
TAN Interest	<u>7,644.10</u>	
Total Tax Anticipation Notes		\$ 248,844.10
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES		
Note Repayments	\$ 1,300.08	
General Obligation Debt	<u>26,750.00</u>	
Total Principal		\$ 28,050.08
INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES		
Interest on Notes	\$ 503.78	
Interest on General Obligations	<u>21,364.57</u>	
Total Interest		\$ 21,868.35
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		
Forest Fire Truck	\$ 3,000.00	
Fire Truck	15,000.00	
Highway Equipment	10,000.00	
Rescue Vehicle	2,000.00	
Police Cruiser	10,000.00	
Mower	5,000.00	
Highway Truck	10,000.00	
Water	2,500.00	
Sewer	5,000.00	
Library	<u>4,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 66,500.00
1998 WARRANT ARTICLES		
Highway Department Garage	\$ 48,618.99	
Fire Station Brick	4,000.00	
Police Video Camera	2,427.00	
Cemetery Tree/Limb Work	6,008.47	
Landfill Costs	6,455.16	
Water Level Monitor	2,983.00	
Project LIFT	600.00	
Fire Station Doors	<u>5,988.00</u>	
Total 1998 Warrant Articles		\$ 77,080.62
EDWARD E. FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
TAXES PAID TO HILLSBORO COUNTY	\$ 96,364.00	\$ 96,364.00
TUITION PAID TO CONVAL SCHOOLS	\$ 1,275,257.00	<u>\$1,275,257.00</u>
Total 1998 Expenditures		\$2,480,386.86

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
588-2189

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Tuesday 9:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. Thursday 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. - noon

MEETING SCHEDULES

Selectmen	Every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.
Water & Sewer Commissioners	First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Recreation Commission	Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS
588-6585

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (staffed by volunteers)

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS
588-3407

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

1998 PAYROLL

Belcher, Debra	\$3,850.77
Blanchard, David	\$26,433.87
Blanchard, Matt D.	\$1,870.50
Bond, Dawn A.	\$11,159.88
Campbell, C. Stephen	\$35,220.46
Carr, Thomas P.	\$54.00
Carrara, Josephine	\$123.00
Cawley, Jennifer L.	\$717.50
Chase, Mark S.	\$300.00
Chatel Jr., Louis R.	\$7,370.59
Cleary, James W.	\$750.00
Cleary, Sandy M.	\$123.00
Clow, Gail	\$123.00
Coker-Cronin, Katherine	\$21.00
Collemacine, Dominic	\$400.00
Cook, Casey P.	\$64.50
Cook, Michael C.	\$12,777.77
Cronin III, John J.	\$750.00
Dodge, James	\$60.00
Foote Sr., Lester	\$11,317.56
Fox II, Wyatt	\$14,906.53
Fox, Lawrence H.	\$130.00
French, Denise	\$29,604.16
French, John R.	\$48.00
Germain, Valerie A.	\$6,855.67
Gerringer, Patricia A.	\$180.00
Harr, William P.	\$932.00
Heinzman Jr., Chester D.	\$750.00
Huntley, Athlon S.	\$320.00
Huntley, Barbara A.	\$2,236.00
Johnson, Roy J.	\$210.00
Kullgren, Ronald L.	\$11,028.51
Mabry, Howard	\$650.00
MacGregor, Leslie	\$16,735.52
Marcellino, Philip M.	\$5,449.13
Miner, Joyce L.	\$750.00
McKenney, Darlene L.	\$285.00
Osienski, Linda J.	\$45.00
Ozkan, Osman A.	\$24,273.43
Perry, Adam M.	\$5,005.50
Putnam, Melissa A.	\$3,748.89
Reid, William B.	\$32,196.61
Roberts, Priscilla L.	\$603.36
Rochford, David P.	\$182.00
Schnare, Terry D.	\$750.00
Turner, Victoria	\$285.00
Warren, Carroll	\$1,181.25
Webster, Jennifer E.	\$2,448.00
Wilk, Deborah P.	\$39.00
Wilson, Allan D.	\$300.00
Young, Jill S.	<u>\$300.00</u>
TOTAL 1998 PAYROLL	\$275,915.96

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NH ON DECEMBER 31, 1998

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	%	PRINCIPAL										Grand Total of Principal & Income At year end	
					Balance Beg Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	Withdrawals Yr. end	Balance Yr. end	INCOME		Expended During Yr	Balance End Year			
										Percent	Amount					
Cemetery Funds																
Various	Mt. Calvary Cemetery	Perpetual & General Care	Bank Deposits		775.00					10.67	775.00	42.85		53.52	828.50	
Various	Sunnyvale Cemetery		Bank NH & 1st Essex		12,011.73					2,643.79	12,011.73	751.99		2,643.79	14,655.53	
Various	Evergreen Cemetery				11,989.75					1,415.06	11,989.75	1,506.01		1,415.06	13,394.81	
TOTAL CEMETERIES					24,776.48					4,069.52	24,776.48	2,300.85		4,112.37	28,888.85	
Library Funds																
Various	Edward French Fund	Gen Expense	Bank NH CD		80,241.40					0.00	80,241.40	4,439.27		0.00	80,241.40	
1994	Edward French Fund	Scholarship	BNH Sav & CD		1,103.97					40.79	1,103.97	48.97		89.76	1,193.73	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS																
1990	New Fire Truck	Equip Replace	BNH CD		100,507.67	2,500.00		73,047.16	27,460.49	1,101.75		4,505.22	5,071.82	535.15	27,995.64	
1993	Water Department		BNH CD		7,929.28	3,000.00			10,429.28	777.91		540.63		1,318.54	11,747.82	
1993	Forestry Truck		BNH CD		2,516.77				5,516.77	5.83		145.13		150.98	5,667.73	
1993	Highway Dept Truck		"		23,699.86				0.00	1,357.31		730.49	2,087.80		0.00	
1993	Police Dept Cruiser		"		21,371.47				0.00	1,252.29		778.11	2,030.40		0.00	
1994	Library	Structure Repair	BNH & 1st Ess		16,000.00				16,000.00	1,689.34		930.31	956.42	1,663.23	17,663.23	
1997	Sewer Department	Equip Replace	"		2,500.00	5,000.00			7,500.00	52.92		242.15		285.07	7,795.07	
1997	Rescue Truck		"		3,078.28	2,000.00			5,078.28	65.17		217.80		282.97	5,362.25	
1997	Highway Dept Mower		1st Essex CD		5,000.00				0.00	102.15		175.18	277.33		0.00	
1997	Highway Dept Equipment		BNH CD		3,000.00	10,000.00			13,000.00	63.49		368.01		431.50	13,431.50	
1997	Bridge Expendable	Bridge Repair	BNH CD		5,000.00	5,000.00			10,000.00	102.15		353.38		455.53	10,455.53	
General Trust Fund																
GRAND TOTALS					296,726.18	27,500.00		123,118.51	201,107.67	10,680.62		15,775.50	17,121.04	9,335.08	210,442.75	

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT REGARDING
EXCAVATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
RSA CHAPTER 155-e

SPECIAL USE PERMIT

No individual shall engage in commercial excavation of earth materials without securing from the Planning Board a Special Use Permit in accordance with RSA 674:21 and this ordinance, and a gravel permit pursuant to RSA Chapter 155-E. The Planning Board shall grant a Special Use Permit when all of the following conditions have been satisfied by the applicant:

1. The excavation will not cause a diminution in area property values or unreasonably change the character of the neighborhood;
2. The excavation will not unreasonably accelerate the deterioration of highways or create safety hazards in the use thereof;
3. Provisions shall be made for operation of the excavation in a manner such that it will not create a nuisance or health or safety hazard;
4. The Planning Board shall establish the hours of operation of the proposed excavation in order to address the particular concerns raised by the individual application and abutters;
5. The proposed excavation shall be situated a minimum of 1000 feet from any other existing excavation;
6. The proposed excavation shall be situated a minimum of 500 feet from an existing residence or business;
7. The proposed excavation shall be situated a minimum of 200 feet from a property boundary line, except that with the permission of the abutter it may be permitted as near as 50 feet from said boundary line;
8. Excavation shall be permitted within the Rural Agricultural Zone only; and not within the Water Protection Zone;
9. Excavation shall not be permitted nearer than 6 feet from the seasonal high ground water level unless the applicant intends to subject the property to a conservation easement such that no future residential or commercial use shall be made of the property.

The Planning Board may adopt regulations implementing the provisions of this special use requirement and may attach such conditions as may be deemed to be prudent and necessary in order to permit the excavation and accommodate the interests of the public. The Special Use Permit shall not be required for minor topographical adjustments.

**1999
DEFAULT BUDGET**

Description	1999 Default
Executive Office	\$65,642
Election and Registration	\$11,048
Financial Administration	\$39,024
Judicial/Legal	\$8,000
Personnel Administration	\$57,795
Planning/ZBA	\$3,585
General Gov't Buildings	\$11,150
Cemeteries	\$2,480
Insurance	\$19,520
Police Department	\$91,475
Rescue/Ambulance	\$3,000
Fire Department	\$32,800
Building Inspector	\$750
Contingency	\$5,300
Highway & Streets	\$136,271
Bridge Maintenance	\$1,000
Street Lighting	\$12,374
Solid Waste Mgmt.	\$49,283
Water	\$38,350
Sewer	\$28,500
Health/Hosp	\$5,271
Health Admin.	\$793
Welfare Assist.	\$9,495
Welfare Admin.	\$1,588
Recreation	\$11,500
Library	\$38,324
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000
French Scholarship	\$500
Conservation Commission	\$475
Debt Service	
Prin/Long Term Notes	\$28,050
Int/ " " "	\$21,898
Int/TANS	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$746,241

**1998 G.E.P. Dodge Library Financial Report
Trustees' Operating Account**

Cash on Hand 1-1-98	584.69
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RECEIPTS from:

Library Trust Funds	4574.99
NOW Account Interest	18.50
Book Sales/Fund Raising	822.02
Copy Machine Revenue	353.80
Miscellaneous	713.10
Town Allocated Income:	
Book Collection	9000.00
Copy Machine	1500.00
Education/Fees	1325.00
Special Programs	225.00
Grant for Comp. Software	3000.00

Total of all receipts:	21,532.41
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EXPENSES for:

Book Collection	14395.23
Periodicals	640.85
Book Rental	462.40
Office Administration	901.44
Program Supplies	256.52
Inter. Bldg. Maint.	368.36
Educ/Conf/Dues	164.00
Petty Cash	400.00
Copier Machine	1153.20

Total of all expenses:	18,742.00
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Total Cash in Operating & Grant Accounts:	3,375.10
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GEP DODGE LIBRARY

This year the library has been the recipient of some very generous gifts. Former Bennington resident and long-time supporter, Ruth Brown, has donated a brand new powerful computer to the library to use in conjunction with Part I of the automation software we are getting with the grant that our library received this fall. The Tuttle Library in Antrim received the same grant, and we will begin our long-range plan of networking our library catalogs.

Other gifts to the Dodge Library include various periodical and newspaper subscriptions donated by Rose Melanson, Rebecca Lambert, Lee & Jean Smith, Cobblestone & Malcolm Jensen, Elaine & Dave Barrett and Lisa Shingler. We also received many book donations this year, particularly from Peter & Sally Martel, Estelle Cashion, Dennis Caton, Betty Coffin, Chris Fleischer and Janice Tyler. Many patrons contributed to our book 'Wish List' this fall as well.

The gift of time given to our library by the Sunday volunteers is one of our dearest gifts. Every Sunday a volunteer opens the library from 4-6 p.m. to help us provide additional hours and give our patrons much desired last-minute weekend time. Our Sunday volunteers are: Debi Belcher, Sherri Gallant, Lisa Logan, Linda Osienski, Deb Page, Lisa Shingler, Dorothy Smith, Lee Smith and Barbara Varnum.

Our summer reading program requires an extra support group to make things run smoothly. Thank you to our special program readers Jean Smith, Deb Page and Janice Tyler, singer, Betty Coffin and craft assistance from Chris Tarrío and all the parents who attended.

Trustee Treasurer Patricia Oh's husband was transferred to Maine during the year. With the long commute and family health problems, Patricia had to resign from her position. We all miss Patricia's sense of humor and devotion to the library; she and her family were wonderful library friends.

Michelle Hautanen from North Bennington has been appointed to replace Patricia Oh. Michelle joins Trustees Virginia Young and Lise Lemieux, with experience in bookkeeping, banking and municipal structure. Aside from being a full-time mom and student at Keene State, Michelle works in Antrim's town offices, was a former manager at the Antrim bank and is Bennington's Deputy Health and Welfare Officer. We look forward to a long relationship with her.

This year our telephone was damaged during a lightning storm, and we replaced it with a phone/FAX. We now can offer FAX services from the library. We have also gotten a copier to replace our older one. This one is faster, has a greater range of uses and is less expensive to maintain.

In September we closed the library for a week to work on our YA collection and to justify the YA non-fiction shelf list. We will be doing the Adult non-fiction collection throughout 1999, but have no plans to close the library while doing it. This is the start of our retrospective conversion project toward automation.

We are looking for a corps of visionary and talented volunteers to join the building committee and to form an active and ongoing fundraising plan toward the library's expansion and to accommodate Bennington's needs for the next century. With all the talent residing in Bennington, it can be done.

If you are not yet a patron, come in and 'check us out', we have a good selection of videos, audio books, best sellers, classics, references, periodicals, newspapers, inter-library loan services, FAX, copier, IRS

forms, community announcements, ongoing book sale, free magazines, tourist brochures, children's story times & craft projects, adult programs and perhaps, by the end of the year, a public access Internet station. Melissa Putnam is in charge of circulation, which includes shelving, overdues, book processing, periodicals, vertical file and catalog maintenance. Her excellent memory and attention to detail make her indispensable. Debi Belcher heads up the Friends of the Library, and has a talent for creating wonderful craft projects for our youngest patrons and is a creative genius with the summer reading program. Debi also substitutes and works the circulation desk on Monday mornings.

In compliance with the New Hampshire State Library's standards and requirements, we all hope to be serving you with an additional five hours a week in 1999.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie MacGregor,
Library Director

HEALTH AND WELFARE

1998 was a busy year for both departments. We were able to take care of needy citizens in a timely manner. Health-wise we are in good shape except for a few ongoing and long-standing problems with animal neglect and exterior trash and litter. We welcome Michelle Hautanen as assistant for Health and Welfare. Her experience and expertise are invaluable.

Budget-wise we have been able to "hold our own", with fuel and rent assistance the larger items. Visiting Nurse, Home Health Care and Meals-On-Wheels are well worth our investment, especially for our elderly.

A special thanks to Reverend André Bedard and St. Patrick Parish for Thanksgiving and Easter dinners and all the other good people who made generous contributions at Christmas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Huntley,
Overseer of Public Welfare
Health Officer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

All officers of the Bennington Police Department want to thank the residents of Bennington for your support throughout the year. Because of this support, the Police Department had another good year.

The following are some numbers for police activity during 1998, with a comparison to 1997:

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Criminal cases	210	296
Juvenile cases	132	140
Calls for Service	1329	1270
Motor Vehicle	1493	1301
Accidents	30	42
Animal	158	153
Court Appearances	103	102
Community Policing	93	87
Miscellaneous	<u>761</u>	<u>705</u>
Total	4309	4096

I am reducing a few line-items on the Police Department operating budget, with one exception. The exception is the part-time officer salary line-item. The increase in this item will allow for vacation coverage, holidays, training, sick days, call-out pay, fewer 24-hour shifts for full-time officers and four regular duty shifts per week for part-time officers. It will also help in getting through the hiring process which includes; actual hiring phase, training and possible attendance to the Police Academy.

I have only one Warrant Article this year for which I am requesting your support. The Warrant Article is for two portable radios. During this past year I had two radios go bad which I was not expecting.

To repeat what I said last year, I enjoy my job and position. Bennington is a good town and I think the people are great, and I hope to be here for a long time. Each officer pledges to continue to provide professional and fair police service. The door to the Police Station is always open and I invite you to stop by.

Remember, if you see anything wrong and want to report it, you can call us 24 hours a day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Campbell,
Chief of Police

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1998 was a year full of surprises and many changes. We all endured El Niño! In the middle of January we were hit with a tremendous "North Eastern" ice storm. The town center was without electricity for only a few hours, while homes in rural Bennington were without power for two to three days; many homeowners relied on wood burning heat through this difficult period. We were lucky compared to northern New Hampshire and other areas which were without electric power for two or more weeks.

The Town Hall Preservation Committee was formed to help restore our Town Hall to its former grandeur. The Hall has suffered from lack of sufficient maintenance and some detrimental changes over the years. The Committee includes Chairperson Norman Bennett, Jamie Fox, Donald Parker, Phil Germain, Vicky Turner, Barbara Huntley and Arnold Cernota representing the Bennington Historical Society.

Another Committee was empowered to investigate the future of the Town Barn; members appointed were Chairperson David Glynn, Sam Zachos, Steve Chase, Norman Bennett and Jim Cleary. After several meetings, including a tour of the building, it was decided by unanimous vote that the building should be torn down. The decision was based on the poor condition of the barn, its location and an adverse report from the Town's insurance carrier. A new barn was built on a site at the Town Landfill in North Bennington; the new facility was finished in September.

Jim Cleary won the election for Selectman. He was opposed by Peter Cordatos - the vote was 336 to 49.

Extensive tree work and pruning was completed at the Evergreen and Sunnyside cemeteries. The toolshed at Evergreen was rebuilt and cement work was completed at Sunnyside.

The Monadnock Paper Mill received an award from Governor Shaheen for its work on Pollution Prevention. Richard Verney, President of the Paper Mill, accepted the award.

The Yakovakis house on Main Street has been completely renovated and now contains a restaurant and apartments.

Goodwill Industries has installed a bin at the Transfer Station for donations of clothing and sporting equipment.

The Town Clerk has begun issuing license plates so we no longer have to drive to Hillsborough or Concord for plates.

The Bennington Country Store changed hands - it was sold by Terry & Aileen Schnare to Ashley & Kay Ellis, formerly of Maine.

The Pierce School All-Purpose Room has been made available for most civic functions.

The Bennington Historical Society had eighty visitors to the museum and twenty letters of inquiry about historical information this year. We are in the process of adding a 36'x28' addition to the museum; the new space will be used for additional display area and for a meeting hall. The plans for the addition were drawn up by members Ron McClure and David Glynn. Ron has been working on the project with assistance from Tim Parris. Pearl Walker, a summer resident for several years, is underwriting most of the cost of the addition. We hope everything will be complete by summer - in time for the Old Home

Day celebrations on August 13th-15th. Plans include our annual Ham Dinner, Nora Lee Sysyn's nostalgic entertainment and an open house at the Bennington Historical Society's expanded museum.

November and December were months with very little snow and unusually warm temperatures.

We are making progress - downtown Bennington has taken on a fresh look with our "new" school serving as a focal point. We all need to work together to plant trees, to voice our concerns about landscaping town properties and keeping our roads and buildings in good repair. We must change our thinking from modern such as "hot top" to charm and New England historic quaintness in our village center; this will bring more visitors and business to downtown. We need our own Post Office - we aren't just a branch of Antrim - we are the Town of Bennington and proud of it.

Respectfully Submitted,
David A. Glynn, President
Bennington Historical Society

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This was a relatively quiet year for the Commission. We monitored a few wetland and timber issues and noted land exchanges that might have future environmental impact.

The river and protection of our water resources has been an ongoing concern. We held a river clean-up in the fall and cut up many trees felled in last year's ice storm. We are indeed fortunate that there is no major development along the banks of the river, but the Commission is well aware that there is little protection from it. To this end we have pursued information about protective land easements and contacted some of the land owners. Our neighbors upstream are far ahead in these issues and give us a model to go by.

The education program for our youth that we have supported in the past did not run this year. We hope to find new ways to support such programs.

Our fieldwork to establish where our town boundaries are continued this year. These are always interesting outings. We would like to get more citizen involvement on these walks. We would especially like some people who in turn will pass on this knowledge to the coming generations.

There will be room on the Commission this year for new members. We invite you to join us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bennington Conservation Commission,
Jon Manley, Chairman
David Barrett
Peter Eppig
Bruce Edes
Joe MacGregor
Dennis McKenney
Terry Schnare

BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bennington Fire Department responded to 135 calls in 1998. Of these, there were 64 rescue, 6 structure, 1 brush fire, 13 motor vehicle accidents, 22 mutual aid calls and 29 miscellaneous calls.

In 1998 we have taken on more new members, both on the Fire Department and on our Rescue Team. We also put a 1998 Pumper/Tanker into service.

The Fire Department itself has received some more cosmetic work - the remained of the building was brick-faced and new garage doors were installed.

In closing, all members of the Bennington Fire Department and Explorer Post would like to thank the townspeople for their help and cooperation in 1998. We look forward to serving you in 1999.

Thank You,
All Members,
Bennington Fire Department

BENNINGTON FIRE EXPLORERS

1998 marked another successful year for the Bennington Fire Explorers. The year also brought about numerous changes for the post. In March, Captain Brett French resigned his position to join the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Kristic French was voted to take his place. In May, Kristen Belcher stepped down as First Lieutenant to join Brett on the Department.

Throughout the year we participated in many fund-raising events, including a spaghetti dinner and numerous car washes. During the summer we assisted the library in teaching younger kids about fire safety. In October we also assisted the cub scouts in fire prevention.

We would like to thank our advisors Joseph O'Brien and Mark Chase and their families for their understanding and letting them attend our functions. We also give a world of thanks to the Fire Chief, Nick Collemacine, for supporting the post and his countless words of appreciation. We also want to thank the entire Fire Department for assisting us in training and for their support.

In April we will celebrate our third year as a Post. Our membership now stands at six members. They are Karen Belcher, Tim Clow, Chrissy Elliot, Kristie French, Dave Robbins and Melissa Trumpower. Each and every member has given the Town of Bennington and the Post their every effort. As always, we are looking for new members.

In May I, too, will turn of age to join the Department. I would like to thank you, the citizens of Bennington, for your support and gratitude towards the Fire Explorer Post and Fire Department. As always, you are what keep us going. Have a safe year!

Respectfully submitted,
Kristie French, Captain
Bennington Fire Explorers

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The months of November and December of 1998 were kind to us weather-wise, but 1999 seems so far to be nothing but rain, ice and more ice. The Department has never put out as much salt and sand in such a short period of time. While we wait for the next storm, here is a month-by-month summary of 1998's highlights.

In May of 1998 the Highway Department made up 250 yards of pugmill asphalt and laid it out over a 1/2 mile on North Bennington Road, from the old Iron Bridge to the Deering Town Line. Sitework was completed and the slab was poured for the new Garage .

In June, 1500 yards of crushed gravel was prepared and 4" of it was spread and graded on Durgin Road to prepare for paving. Creative Tectonics of Bedford erected the 40' x 60' steel Highway Garage.

In July, 250 yards of pugmill asphalt was made up and put on Old Greenfield Road. Electrical work was done on the new Garage and inside sheathing and lights were installed.

In August, Durgin Road and part of Bible Hill Road was paved and by the beginning of September operations had moved from the old Highway Barn to the new facility. In addition, 1,500 yards of winter sand was screened and put up and drainage work was done on Gillis Hill Road and Bible Hill Road.

Maintenance work was done in October on the big sander - blasting, welding and painting. The new Ford F-450 arrived from the equipment company. Crushed gravel was spread and graded on Gillis Hill Road and shoulder work was done on North Bennington Road.

In November the septic system was installed for the new Garage and a bathroom and office was built.

December was quiet except for a few light storms, with maintenance work being done on the backhoe and plow gear.

Construction work planned for 1999 includes paving the rest of Bible Hill Road and Antrim Road, asphalt repair work and shoulder work on Pine Meadows, North Bennington Road and Onset Road, with continuing asphalt work on North Bennington Road and Old Greenfield Road.

I would like to thank Adam Perry, Don Parker and all the volunteers who worked on the new Garage.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Blanchard,
Road Agent

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

The Bennington Transfer Station is an integral part of today's American Marketplace. We are the final destination of that Marketplace and the final resting place of once-prized possessions; the scraps of that delicious turkey dinner four weeks ago, your Christmas tree, your daily newspaper, your old washing machine, the tires from your car, tin cans and empty soda cans, plastics, empty bottles, etc....if you don't want it, we'll take it! However, unlike the constantly changing styles of the American Marketplace, the Transfer Station is a fixture in Town and can handle all your residential trash and recycling needs in one stop.

As in years past, the Bennington Transfer Station has remained steady at its recycling efforts, recycling such items as: No. 1 and No. 2 plastics; tin cans; aluminum cans; aluminum foil; white/clear, green, brown and blue glass; newspaper and mixed paper; tires; white goods and other metals; waste motor oil; clothing; cardboard and batteries (car and home) to name a few. The only change in recycling this year was the plastics market. Our plastics buyer went out of business this past spring and we had to find another source for our plastics. We joined in a new co-op effort with the Town of Peterborough. This close proximity will be quite an advantage for the future.

And speaking of co-op efforts, the Town of Peterborough had sponsored two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days this past Spring and Fall. The Town of Bennington and other surrounding communities had the opportunity to participate in this regional program. We took advantage of the offer, and the 15 to 20 families from Bennington who participated were able to rid their household of toxic substances. This HHW Collection Day was open to all residents of Bennington and will be offered again in the Fall of 1999.

We all need to bear in mind that the tipping fees are up another \$2.00 per ton, part of our contract agreement with Waste Management. Since this is a programmed increase, we should become more conscious of our recycling habits and try to recycle as much as possible to keep our costs for waste removal to a minimum.

A special thanks to Lester Foote, Sr., Mike Cook and Adam Perry for keeping the Bennington Transfer Station a clean, smooth-operating and friendly place to recycle.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Chase (Chairperson),
John Paradise,
Philip R. Germain

PLANNING BOARD

This past year has once again been slow in terms of the "usual" type of Planning Board business, i.e. subdivisions, etc.

Gravel excavations have once more taken center stage with the addition of D. Hardwick's operation on the south side of Route 47 going up the mountain. This brings to three the number of major commercial excavations in town. This number has brought up several concerns, which have led to the proposal for a new permitting process to be voted on this year as an amendment to the Town Zoning Regulations. We are hardly opposed to gravel operations; indeed, we recognize that this is one of Bennington's true resources (the town actually derives a small amount of income from these activities as the State now permits towns to tax gravel operations).

Yet there are some serious concerns as well. Few activities are potentially more disruptive to a neighborhood than mining gravel. Accordingly, we felt that individual homeowners were entitled to more protection than they currently have. There are issues of safety, and wear and tear on the highways as well. Finally, there is the fact that another of the town's vital resources is its water supply. The aquifer is purified by the very same gravel which is so important to the highway and housing industries. Selling it all off is hardly a wise move if we are left with an inferior supply of drinking water. Thus the Planning Board sought to limit the density of gravel operations by regulating their spacing from one another. The hope is that this will allow both resources to be used in a reasonable manner.

It should be noted that many of the smaller gravel banks are grandfathered, or, at least, their owners had the option to grandfather them under State Law. In addition, the Planning Board may waive or adjust certain requirements if it feels that would be in the town's best interest, and that such a waiver does not compromise any of the concerns which led to our suggesting this new ordinance in the first place.

In summary, we feel strongly that this new proposal provides the town with some much needed protection, and we urge you all to vote for it.

The Ski Area remains an enigma...the last group to talk about getting it going has apparently fizzled. There are no new suitors on the horizon, though various of the town's Boards are going to meet with their counterparts in Frankestown under the umbrella of Monadnock Business Ventures. Unfortunately, there is nothing more positive to report than that; stay tuned and keep your fingers crossed!

Lastly, we have a new member, Jamie Fox, who lives on Acre Street. He brings a lot of new energy to the Board, is a very concerned citizen, and also has significant professional experience in the building business; thus he is familiar with many of the problems that can arise. Jamie was appointed to fill a vacancy and thus must stand for election this year.

We thank all those who have assisted the Board in 1998.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Cordelle, Chair
Peter Eppig, Vice-Chair
Gayle Rochford, Vice-Chair
Jamie Fox
Doug Wilk, Alternate
Terry Schnare, Ex-officio

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery Trustees would like to thank everyone who made it possible to complete the work at both the Sunnyside Cemetery and the Evergreen Cemetery. The dead trees and limbs were cut and trimmed and then removed from the cemetery. The cement work on the entrances of both the cemeteries and the tomb in the Sunnyside Cemetery were completed. Lime was spread on the grounds.

At the Evergreen Cemetery a big oak stump was dug out and the remnants removed. The work on the tool shed was completed. At one time it was a one-room schoolhouse. It was jacked up off the ground, given a new roof and door and then painted.

On the back side of the Sunnyside Cemetery, stones that had fallen off the wall were put back on.

Although there is more work to be done, the cemeteries are beginning to look more respectful. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill S. Young
Philip Traxler
Stephen Chase, Jr.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

Keene Tree Service	\$2,295.00
Cleary Construction	342.00
Edmund's Hardware	108.90
Capital Copy	11.50
Agway Lime	188.20
Jill Young, Painting	300.00
Steve Chase	2,174.00
Ronald McClure	2,369.00
Carroll Warren	1,796.25
Adam Perry	<u>168.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,752.85

INTEREST PAID TO TOWN FROM TRUST FUNDS

Evergreen Cemetery	\$ 643.92
Sunnyside Cemetery	751.99
Sale of Lots	<u>450.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,845.91

RECREATION COMMISSION

In August, the Commission underwent some major internal changes to help revitalize and to strengthen the Recreation Department. The largest change was the influx of new members to help rejuvenate the current and forgotten programs with new energies and ideas. The second change was the establishment of an executive committee to oversee all the smaller sub-committees, in hopes to spread the work load evenly. Also, by dividing up the recreation activities into sub-committees, the members and volunteers can pick and choose the activities that best suit their interests, making for an enjoyable experience. And finally, the Recreation Commission will implement new and exciting programs to further improve upon the current list of recreation sponsored activities for the townspeople of Bennington. This is a big job and we have some great people to help us, including you!

The question is some people's mind is "What does the Recreation Commission do? And what programs does it have to offer?"

"Programs?", you say. "What do we do?" I'll give you some examples:

Did you ever take your child fishing to the Andy Mackenzie Fishing Derby to catch their first fish ever? Or tangle their first line? We've got the water and the fish! Kids, come catch'um!

Do you like Baseball? How about your kids? Did they play with the Bennington Little League? We have a great program with great coaching.

How about a cool dip in Whittemore Lake and a suntan on the Beach. Maybe your kids learned to swim there? If you're looking for fun in the sun and water, we have it!

Soccer, one of the fastest growing sports! A great fall sport for kids. We got it! Want to play?

Frankenstein, Dracula, Werewolf, the Mummy! Are you scared yet? Nothing compares to the Horror and Suspense of the Bennington Haunted Hayride on a dark October night.

On a crisp, cold, snowy December evening nothing warms the heart and soul better than hot cocoa, Horse-drawn Hayrides and Christmas Caroling with friends nearby.

That is what we do! Pretty impressive, huh?

So if you are looking for some "Recreation" or "Excitement", or want to be part of the team that makes it all happen, the Bennington Recreation Commission has it! And remember, these programs are for you!

This year the Bennington Recreation Commission will be hosting the 50th Anniversary of Old Home Days. We are looking forward to providing this multifaceted celebration to the townspeople of Bennington and surrounding communities, and, as always, we welcome all volunteers and sponsors to help with this celebration. Also coming in 1999 will be indoor volleyball, a winter sledding party and a possible bus trip to Fenway Park.

Thank you to our volunteers and members for making all the Recreation programs a reality!

A Special Thanks to our Sub-Committee Leaders:

Deb Page
Sandy Cleary

Sfa Whittemore

Rich Page
Keith Nason

Bruce Edes
Jim Hutton
Valerie Germain

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip R. Germain, Co-Chairperson
Sfa Whittemore, Co-Chairperson
Valerie Germain, Secretary
Debi Belcher, Treasurer

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

The Town of Bennington, in 1998, took possession of four items of equipment purchased through the Capital Reserve Funds process...an International Pumper/Tanker (1997 appropriation), a Ford F450 Plower/Sander, a 1998 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser and a John Deere 425 Lawn/Garden Tractor.

The cruiser was unfortunately totaled during a pursuit procedure in November and, at this writing, has yet to be replaced, although the chassis is here and in the process of being outfitted and equipped; almost all costs reimbursed through insurance coverage.

The Committee again points out that the "saving-up-for-eventual-purchase" concept - what capital reserve planning is all about - made these 1998 acquisitions possible. And we again stress that a significant portion of the costs - particularly of the major items, like fire apparatus, is actually covered through earned interest.

The Committee is proposing public support this year, for the first time, of funding to confront a neglected municipal need - maintenance and improvement of the Town Hall and its environs. We've recommended this support in the form of a General Expendable Trust Fund. This type of investment differs from a Capital Reserve Fund primarily in that it allows the Board of Selectmen to expend the appropriated money, should the need arise, after a Public Hearing but without formal Town Meeting approval.

Slight increases are being proposed in other standing Capital Reserve Funds, a total of \$87,000. We hope the tax-paying public shares our belief in this method of meeting our needs for the Town's big ticket expenses, and that they will be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph MacGregor,
For the Committee

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had two new members elected. It is the first time that ZBA members were elected rather than being appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board also appointed one Alternate Member.

A total of four cases were brought before the Board in 1998. The first case involved a request for a gravel pit permit. The second case addressed allowable uses for property that was being remodeled in the Village District. The third case considered a question of a potential commercial use on a residential property lot. The fourth case pertained to issuing a minor variance allowing a greater percentage of a lot area to be paved for parking.

Respectfully Submitted,
David A. Beck, Chairman

ELECTION REPORT

There were three elections in 1998: Town Election, the State Primary and the State General Election. Bennington currently has 903 registered voters: 320 Republicans, 182 Democrats, and 401 Undeclared voters. Of those, 38 registered to vote on election days, using the popular Same-Day Registration system. Same-Day Registration allows new voters to register at the polls simply by bringing a drivers' license or other proof of residency.

366 of Bennington's voters voted in this year's general election. Bennington had the dubious distinction, at 40%, of having the second lowest voter turnout of area towns. Could our numbers be better?

Voters can get on the checklist in three ways: They can register on the day of the election, or with the Supervisors at one of their pre-election sessions, or with the Town Clerk during regular Town Hall hours. Normally, voters are removed from the checklist in three ways: a voter can tell the Supervisors personally that they will no longer be voting in Town, Supervisors can remove voters following notice of their death, or registrars from another town or state can inform Supervisors that a voter has registered to vote in their town or city.

There is a fourth way that voters are removed: Every 10 years the state of New Hampshire requires that the voter checklist be "purged". In the year 2001, Supervisors will be looking for "deadwood" on the checklist - voters who have moved away and are no longer voting in town. We estimate that as many as 100 or more names on the checklist may be long gone. If this is so, the purged checklist would have fewer registered voters on it, but our percentage voting would be higher. (for example, 45% rather than 40% in the most recent election.)

We have no way of knowing how much our numbers will be affected until the Supervisors get through the process of weeding through the checklist.

This year there is one election. The first (deliberative) session of Town Election was February 6. The voting session is March 9. There are many elected positions and a full slate of warrant articles to debate and vote on, making it as important as ever to come to both sessions and do your part. If you know you will be out of town on voting day, or are not sure you can make the polling hours because of your work schedule, make sure you pick up an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

Voters wishing to change their party affiliation can do so with the Town Clerk or with the Supervisors during one of their pre-election sessions.

Copies of the Bennington Checklist are available on request for \$10 in both paper and computer disk forms. Registration cards on file and prior years' checklists are open to inspection during normal Town Hall business hours.

Finally, we would like to extend our appreciation once again to everyone who participates in the process of keeping small town democracy alive. Thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Bond, Darlene McKenney, Victoria Turner
Supervisors of the Checklist

Selectmen Cpt

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bennington Selectmen
FROM : Town Barn Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: Town Barn/Garage
DATE: September 3, 1998

The Town Barn Advisory Committee met three times concerning the future of the Town Barn/Garage. The committee, after investigating, concluded that the barn had no historic value and no value as scrap, such as lumber or beams.

The potential solutions were to renovate the building at a cost of \$30,000 - \$40,000 and rent the building or to tear down the barn and use the land for parking and/or a gazebo or bandstand.

The committee agreed that there was no interest in renting the building and recommends the barn be torn down.

David Glynn, Chairman
Town Barn Advisory Committee

David W. Glynn
Members: Norman Bennett

Norman A. Bennett

Stephen Chase

Stephen Chase

James Cleary

Sam Zachos

Sam Zachos

December 1, 1998

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Town Hall Preservation Committee

RE: Town Hall Exterior Maintenance Issues

Prior to submitting our recommendations to the Board we would like to personally thank you for forming this most important Committee to help secure the future well-being of the Bennington Town Hall. And, in stating this, we would certainly hope that the following recommendations are seriously considered and at some point implemented.

ISSUE #1: No formal standing committee for building & grounds maintenance or future renovation.

RECOMMENDATION: A standing committee should be formed to handle any issues, repairs or long-range planning as it regards Town-owned buildings and grounds.

ISSUE #2: The roof leaks, specifically at the chimneys, cupola and other roof penetrations.

SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends immediate repairs for the flashing details as it relates to the incoming water. As you know, water can damage existing wood structures and other finish assemblies, which are additional costs over and above the actual roof repair costs.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for the next four or five years to provide a new roofing system for the Town Hall. Furthermore, we believe that the approximate amount of monies needed per year should be between \$12,000 to \$15,000.

ISSUE #3: Exterior skin of the Town Hall. Do we paint? Do we vinyl side?

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Repair and/or replace existing weather damaged trims, facia, etc. 2) Remove existing wood clapboards and replace with new. 3) Scrape and prep existing trims and new clapboards, and apply appropriate paint system.

The Committee is in total agreement with doing this work. However, the Committee is split as it regards implementation of this recommendation. Some Committee members believe that we should wait until the new roof system is completed before doing this work, other members believe we should start this work in the Spring of 1999 and done one elevation (side) at a time. We shall defer this decision on proper implementation to

the Selectmen. There are many reasons to stay with the wood clapboards and paint system, but the main reason is to maintain the integrity and character of the Town Hall.

It has certainly been a pleasure to work on this Committee and we hope the information provided is adequate for your review process. We also hope that we have done due diligence on all the issues you were concerned with regarding the Town Hall. If you have further questions or need to meet with the Committee on any other issues please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip R. Germain, Chairperson
Bennington Town Hall Preservation
Committee

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12
TOTAL FIRES	798
TOTAL ACRES	442.86

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use	24
Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS 1998 YEAR

INCIDENT	41	43	44	45	TOTAL
CRIMINAL					
ASSAULT	15	1	0	1	17
BAD CHECKS	38		1		39
BENCH WARRANT	12			3	15
BURGLARY	2				2
CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT					0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	12	2	1	1	16
CRIMINAL THREATENING	9		2	2	13
DISOBEYING OFFICER				1	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4				4
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	4			2	6
DRUGS	5			2	7
DWI	7		1	3	11
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE				1	1
HARRASSMENT	16			1	17
LITTERING	4				4
OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION	2	1		1	4
OPEN CONTAINER	5				5
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	10				10
RECKLESS OPERATION				1	1
RESISTING ARREST	1				1
SHOPLIFTING	2				2
THEFT	11	2	1	2	16
TRESPASSING	6				6
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER				1	1
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RENTAL	9	1		1	11
TOTAL CRIMINAL	174	7	6	23	210
ARRESTS					
FELONY	2			1	3
JUVENILE ARREST	10		2		12
MISDEMEANOR	31	2		12	45
VIOLATION	13			1	14
TOTAL ARRESTS	56	2	2	14	74
SERVICES					
ALARM	10	4	2		16
CHECK WELFARE	11	3	4	1	19
CIVIL STANDBY	3			5	8
CITIZEN/MOTORIST ASSIST	101	38	16	23	178
CIVIL	30	3	1	3	37
E911	12	4	4	1	21
INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES	203	49	34	43	329
MISSING PERSON			1		1
PAPERWORK/SERVE PAPERS	56	19	7	6	88
PROPERTY CHECKS	229	239	57	100	625
TRANSPORT	5		1	1	7
TOTAL SERVICES	660	359	127	183	1329

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS 1998 YEAR

INCIDENT	41	43	44	45	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLE					
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	675	251	208	123	1257
VERBAL WARNINGS	531	216	101	88	936
WRITTEN WARNINGS	78	26	80	27	211
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	732	260	234	134	1360
SUMMONS					
OTHER	5	1	3	1	10
SPEED	29	4	18	4	55
STOP SIGN	2	1	1		4
UNINSPECTED	22	3	2	1	28
UNREGISTERED			2	5	7
TOTAL SUMMONS	57	9	26	11	103
ALS HEARINGS	2			1	3
PARKING COMPLAINTS	16			2	18
TRAFFIC DETAIL	84	3	1	15	103
OHRV COMPLAINTS	8			1	9
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	842	263	235	153	1493
ACCIDENTS					
MV ACCIDENTS W/ INJURY	9	1	2	0	12
PROPERTY DAMAGE (\$1000+)	12	1	5	1	19
MV ACCIDENTS	15	5	5	5	30
TOTAL MV ACCIDENTS	15	5	5	5	30
JUVENILE					
ATTEMPT SUICIDE					0
ASSAULT	3				3
CHECK THE WELFARE	12				12
COMMUNITY SERVICE	7	2		1	10
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	2				2
ENDANGERING THE WELFARE	1			1	2
EMERGENCY TRANSPORT					0
INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCE	56	21	4	7	88
JV PETITIONS	2				2
JV POSSESSION CIGARETTES	3		2	1	6
JV POSSESSION ALCOHOL	2		5		7
JV POSSESSION DRUGS					0
MISSING					0
TOTAL JUVENILE	88	23	11	10	132

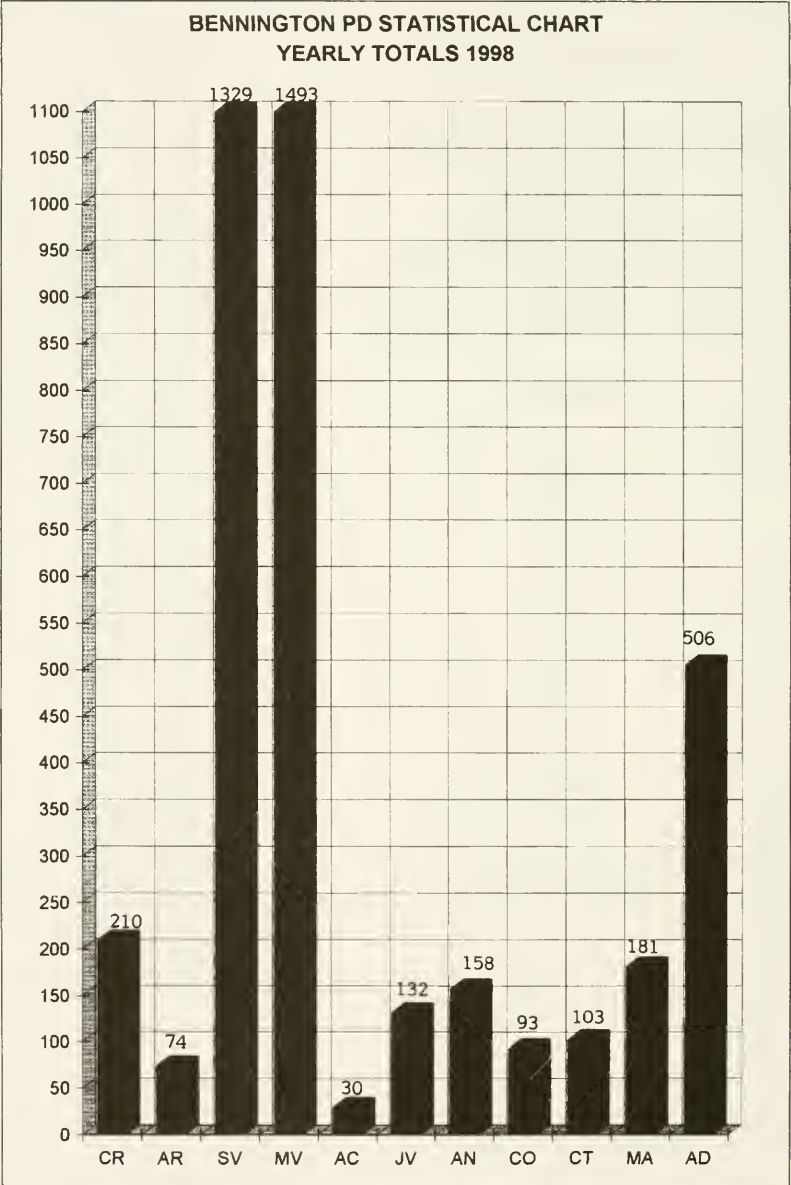
BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS 1998 YEAR

INCIDENT	41	43	44	45	TOTAL
ANIMAL					
CAT	20	5	1	4	30
COWS			1		1
DOGS	56	21	12	15	104
HORSE	6				6
OTHER	9		1	3	13
PIGS					0
PORCUPINES	1	1	1		3
SKUNK	1				1
TOTAL ANIMAL	93	27	16	22	158
COPS					
COMMUNITY	55	2		5	62
SCHOOL	30			1	31
TOTAL COPS	85	2	0	6	93
COURT					
DISTRICT	87	2	1	2	92
GRAND JURY	1				1
HEARINGS	7	1			8
SUPERIOR	2				2
TOTAL COURT	97	3	1	2	103
MUTUAL AID					
ANTRIM	15	31	22	13	81
DEERING	7	1	2	1	11
FIRE/RESCUE	19	8	5	8	40
FRANCESTOWN	2	9	3	4	18
GREENFIELD	14	5	1		20
HANCOCK	5	2	1	1	9
PROBATION/PAROLE	1				1
STATE POLICE			1		1
TOTAL MUTUAL AID	63	56	35	27	181

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS 1998 YEAR

INCIDENT	41	43	44	45	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION					
DETAILS	13	1	2	4	20
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PETITION	3	1			4
LICENSE ACTIONS	121				121
MEETINGS/TRIPS	100		2	2	104
PISTOL PERMITS	28				28
POLICE INFORMATION	75	10		8	93
SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS	76	16	13	8	113
TRAINING	18	1	1	3	23
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	434	29	18	25	506
SUMMARY					
CR					210
AR					74
SV					1329
MV					1493
AC					30
JV					132
AN					158
CO					93
CT					103
MA					181
AD					506
GRAND TOTAL					4309

CR = CRIMINAL AR = ARREST SV = CALL FOR SERVICE MV = MOTOR VEHICLE AC = ACCIDENT
JV = JUVENILE AN = ANIMAL CO = COMMUNITY POLICE CT = COURT MA = MUTUAL AID
AD = ADMINISTRATIVE



TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 1998 TOWN MEETING

DELIBERATIVE SESSION - SESSION 1

AND MARCH 10, 1998 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS - SESSION 2

Session 1 of the 1998 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Saturday, February 7, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pierce School Multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. James G. Dodge, the Town Moderator noted that this was the first Town Meeting to be held back in our town for several years. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

The procedures and rules of conduct for the deliberative session were then outlined by the Moderator as mandated under Senate Bill 2. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted to the Moderator in writing. Article 3 may not be amended. Amendments require a yes/no vote from the floor. Motions to reconsider will be taken immediately after the article is discussed prior to discussion of the next warrant article.

All voting on the Warrant Articles, the Town Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 10, 1998 at the Fire Station from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1 p.m. The polls will close at 7 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of the March 10th elections are as follows:

Moderator - James G. Dodge
Selectman - James W. Cleary
Town Clerk - Valerie Germain
Treasurer - Joyce L. Miner
Library Trustee - Patricia Oh
Supervisor of the Checklist - Darlene McKenney
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member - David A. Beck
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member - Jane M. Handy
Trustee of the Trust Funds - Roy J. Johnson
Cemetery Trustee - Stephen Chase Jr.
Water & Sewer Commissioner - Roy J. Johnson
Fire Chief - Nick Collemacine
1st Deputy Fire Chief - Mark Chase
2nd Deputy Fire Chief - Robert Horn
Planning Board Member - Frank Cordelle
Planning Board Member - Peter R. Eppig

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 876 names. During the day, 17 new voters were added to the Checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voter Checklist totaled 893 voters. A total of 399 voters cast ballots in this election which was a 45 % voter turnout.

The Deliberative Session Town Meeting was attended by 38 registered voters.

John Cronin addressed the voters requesting that Article 14 be taken out of order and brought to the floor first so that the representatives for Project Lift could speak on behalf of the Article and answer any questions from the voters and then be free to leave.
The request was moved and seconded.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) as its share of the 1998-99 programming for Project LIFT (Fuller Public Library Hillsborough) which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington residents over 16 years of age.

Note: Marti Majoris and Tammy McClure, from Hillsborough were present to speak on behalf of the issue. This article seeks to provide literacy services and funding for Bennington residents 16 years of age and older.

No amendments were introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 314 NO - 74
THE ARTICLE PASSED

2. Shall the Town amend the organization of its Fire Department through appointment by the Selectmen rather than election of its Chief and other Officers as authorized under RSA 154:1 IV, the change in method of selection not to take effect until one year from its adoption?

Note: Nick Collemacine, the Bennington Fire Chief spoke on behalf of the article stating that by having the Fire Department Chief and its Officers appointed rather than elected they could maintain a level of consistency and organization within the department.

No amendments were introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 187 NO - 198
THE ARTICLE FAILED

3. Shall the provisions for voting by Official Ballot on all issues before the Town of Bennington under RSA 40:13 be limited to election of officers and certain other questions?

Note: This is a petitioned article, and the wording of the article cannot be amended, and will be placed on the ballot as read. Discussion from the floor involved pros and cons regarding reverting back to the original Town Meeting format. Those who oppose the article discussed the various points: people's schedules make it difficult to attend a town meeting and people may prefer to vote in a voting booth, as well as getting a better voter turnout at the polls than at a Town Meeting. It was also noted that the Town should wait and see how SB2 works since this is only the second year the Town has been operating under it. Those in favor of the article preferred the traditional style of Town Meeting where residents gather to discuss and debate the issues and vote on the warrant articles immediately.

The Moderator pointed out that this warrant article requires a 60% majority or 3/5 of the vote in order to pass.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 100 NO - 291
THE ARTICLE FAILED

4. Shall the Town amend the action taken at the 1997 Town Meeting (Article 6), instituting the practice of printing invoice and property tax listings in each Town Report, to a requirement that this same information be included in every fifth year of the Report?

Note: Terry Schnare addressed the article stating that this article will allow the listing of the property tax listings and related information every five years. Within five years the assessments don't change that much and the cost of including this additional information would be reduced by printing it every five years rather than every year. Terry also noted that the information is available to the Town's residents at any time.

No amendments were introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

03/10/98 RESULTS: YES -200 NO - 182
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Shall the Town accept as a public highway, and assume responsibility for maintenance of "Merrill Drive", so-called, beginning at Durgin Road and terminating in a cul-de-sac, as shown on a subdivision plan entitled Subdivision Plan of Marshall Bennett, and approved by the Planning Board on November 14, 1988?

Note: John Cronin addressed the article stating that this article is the final phase in the process of having Merrill Drive brought up to Town specifications. Primary Bank and the Town of Bennington shared the costs of the site work and paving and the last step is to have the voters accept Merrill Drive as a Town road.

No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 225 NO - 161
THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$47,700.00) for the purpose of constructing a new Highway Department Garage?

Note: Dave Blanchard, Town Road Agent spoke on behalf of the article noting that at last year's vote it appeared most of the voters wanted a new town barn. Last year the voters were asked to approve a \$60,000 bond or note but the article did not receive the two-thirds votes required to pass. This year, through "shopping around", it was determined that \$47,700 would provide a newly insulated structure at the transfer station.

John Cronin noted that the current town barn is being reluctantly insured because of the condition it is in. Another concern regarding the current Town Barn is its location. Route 31 is a major thoroughfare and large trucks back out of the current Town Barn make it a very dangerous situation when there are children walking to school. He also stated that sand and salt are stored at the transfer station as well as certain pieces of heavy equipment so it would make more sense to have the Town Barn located there.

Voters present questioned what would happen to the current Town Barn if a new one is approved, whether the new structure would have water and sewer included, and is a 2/3 vote required to have this article pass? John Cronin stated that the Selectmen would appoint a committee of townspeople to study all options of what to do with the current town barn should this article pass. A majority vote is all that is required for this article to pass because there are no bonds or notes involved.

An amendment was submitted which added the words "at the Transfer Station" to the end of the article which was seconded and approved by voice vote so that the article would appear on the ballot as:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$47,700) for the purpose of constructing a new Highway Department Garage at the Transfer Station?

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 233 NO - 156
THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000), for the purpose of siding, in vinyl, the front and west sides of the Town Hall; the remainder of the building to be sided, and eaves and steeple painted, in subsequent years.

Note: Terry Schnare addressed the article stating that the Board has been looking for alternatives to maintaining the Town Hall because of the expense of painting the building. The Board felt that the vinyl siding would be a viable and cost effective option.

Many concerns from the floor were voiced at the meeting. Some of the concerns were that siding the building in vinyl would change the integrity of the building and that the Town Hall should be preserved the way it is. Another comment from the floor was to have the Historical Committee look at the building and make its recommendations to the Board.

An amendment was submitted to the moderator which appropriated the \$9,000 but gave the voters a choice of either vinyl siding or painting. THIS AMENDMENT FAILED.

A second amendment was submitted and passed and would appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the Selectmen appoint a study committee of not more than 7 people, including local builders, painting contractors and members of the historical Society to study options for caring for and restoring the exterior of the Town Hall? The committee shall present a recommendation to the Selectmen prior to next years' Town Meeting.

Discussion that followed this amendment was concerning that the \$9000.00 was not in the new amendment and what if there were maintenance needs this year for the Town Hall. John Cronin responded by stating that the Selectmen are able to take money out of the General Fund for such needs. A voter stated that one of the Selectmen should chair the study committee.

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 306 NO - 81
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$6,825.00) for the purpose of replacing the present front overhead doors of the Fire Station?

Note: This article addresses the need for new overhead doors as the current ones are quite old and uninsulated. A voter questioned whether the job had been put out to bid. Mark Chase, Second Deputy Fire Chief stated that they had a difficult time finding garage door companies that would come to Bennington, but if the job could be done for less, the remaining money would go into the Town Funds.

No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 285 NO - 103
THE ARTICLE PASSED

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00), for the purpose of siding the Town's Fire Station, that portion currently faced with cement block, in actual brick. This amount represents one-half the total cost for the work; the other half to be paid from previously appropriated Fire Department Funds encumbered from the 1997 Budget?

Note: This article is intended to provide the additional funding to renovate the exterior of the Fire Station in order to provide an aesthetically pleasing view to those driving into town.

No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 228 NO - 161
THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), to purchase a video camera for use in the Police Department's primary cruiser?

Note: A voter questioned the cost of the video camera and Chief Campbell replied that this is a security camera used specifically for police work.

No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 210 NO - 177
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00), to purchase a bulletproof vest for use by the Police Department?

No amendments introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 304 NO - 86
THE ARTICLE PASSED

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred forty-four dollars (\$5,244.00), to continue tree and limb work at both Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries; to rebuild the tool shed at Evergreen Cemetery and to complete cement and masonry work, primarily at Sunnyside Cemetery?

Note: A voter questioned why this was a warrant article and not a line item in the general operating budget. It was pointed out that the Cemetery Trustees had requested that the funds be requested in a warrant article.

No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 285 NO - 103
THE AMENDMENT PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate its share, the sum of five thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$5,798.00), to perform water testing, gas survey monitoring and the mowing of grass at the Landfill, all as required by the post-closure agreement with the State of New Hampshire; the costs of which are borne by Antrim, Bennington and Frankestown?

Note: This is the Town's annual portion of the landfill closure costs.

There were no amendments introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 337 NO - 53
THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town (1) raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund (2) to authorize withdrawal from that Fund such funds as are necessary, not to exceed the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for purchase of a replacement of the one-ton truck?

There were no amendments introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 268 NO - 117
THE ARTICLE PASSED

16. Shall the Town (1) raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund (2) to authorize withdrawal from that Fund of such funds as are necessary, not to exceed ten thousand one hundred dollars (\$10,100.00) to purchase a mower for use on Town lawned areas?

Note: This is the second year of the capital reserve fund request for a new town mower.

There were no amendments introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 224 NO - 163
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: This appropriation will be for the dredging of the lagoon.

No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 264 NO - 122
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Roy Johnson, Water & Sewer Commissioner addressed the article by stating that the small appropriations are easier on taxpayers and the money is readily available when equipment needs to be replaced.

No amendments were introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 269 NO - 117
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 285 NO - 100
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), to be added to the Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: A voter questioned why these Fire Department appropriations can't be put into one large capital reserve fund. It is per state regulations that the individual appropriations be separate warrant articles.

There were no amendments introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 244 NO - 143
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?

There were no amendments introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 312 NO - 76
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

There were no amendments introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 191 NO - 136
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw from that Fund such funds as are necessary (not to exceed \$32,000.00) for purchase of a 1998 replacement Explorer cruiser?

Note: This is the year to replace the Ford Explorer.

No amendments were introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 226 NO - 159
THE ARTICLE PASSED

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

There were no amendments introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 289 NO - 99
THE ARTICLE PASSED

25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Bridge Maintenance Fund, an expendable general trust fund created by the 1997 Town Meeting?

Note: This article is to appropriate funds in anticipation of maintenance needed on Town bridges.

No amendments were introduced to this article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 287 NO - 100
THE ARTICLE PASSED

26. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand nine hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$2,983.00) to replace the obsolete tank level receiver/controller located at the Fire Station?

No amendments were introduced to the article and it was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 312 NO - 74
THE ARTICLE PASSED

27. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling seven hundred forty-two thousand five hundred ninety-one dollars (\$742,591.00)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be seven hundred fifty-three thousand eight hundred fifty-one dollars (\$753,851.00), exclusive of special articles, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? Warrant Article #27 (operating budget article) does not include warrant articles 6 through 26, inclusive.

Note: Jim Cleary thanked the Town Employees and Volunteers for keeping the overall budget down.

No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/10/98 RESULTS: YES - 304 NO - 76
THE AMENDMENT PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie Germain
Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name & Surname of Deceased</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
01/26/98	Bennington, NH	Robert C. Crowley Sr.	Thomas Crowley	Rose Conway
02/01/98	Jaffrey, NH	Thelma Smith Pomroy	Alfred F. Sibley	Edith Smith
02/20/98	Lady Lake, Fl	Alice Mary Roy	Henry Finlay	Ellen Gosbee
02/26/98	Jaffrey, NH	Robert Thomas Powers	Michael Powers	Bridget Cody
03/05/98	Peterborough, NH	Ellen Frances Clough	Walter A. Miles	Effie O. Weeks
03/26/98	Jaffrey, NH	Gaery Pomroy	Salvatore Pompei	Maria Marino
07/10/98	Bennington, NH	Earl Morris Paige	Fred W. Paige	Alfreda Piper
10/20/98	Peterborough, NH	Lawrence A. Markey	Edward Markey	Nora (Unknown)
12/20/98	Peterborough, NH	David Braid	Lenox Braid	Mary Smart

Former Bennington Residents Interred at Evergreen Cemetery

03/20/98	Manchester, NH	Roberta L. McConnell
05/28/98	Peterborough, NH	Howard Francis Ayers
07/09/98	Clearwater, FL	Eva Mary LaCroix

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Valerie Germain, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
02/06/98	Peterborough, NH	Trevor Alan Kimball	David Alan Kimball	Dawn Frances Giraldo
03/06/98	Peterborough, NH	Hannah Beth Kulbacki	Ryan Christopher Kulbacki	Anita Rae Handy
05/20/98	Keene, NH	Lauren May Jobe	Scott Jobe	Denise Marie McWalters
05/29/98	Peterborough, NH	Jacob Allen Michaels	Jason Allen Michaels	Candi Sue Searles
06/17/98	Manchester, NH	Tristan Alexander Colburn	Dana Thomas Colburn	Maryann F. Henderson
07/15/98	Peterborough, NH	Kayla Rose Davie	Bruce Douglas Davie Jr.	Rhonda Lynn Liljeberg
08/03/98	Peterborough, NH	Kendra Lynn Langlois	Gary Lee Langlois	Roxanne Marie Powers
08/18/98	Peterborough, NH	Randall James Clough	Todd Alan Clough	Stacey Anne Hinton
09/16/98	Peterborough, NH	Casey Adam Lafave	Shannon Patrick Lafave	Lisa Jean Landry
09/23/98	Peterborough, NH	Quinn Evan Potter	Jeffrey Nathan Potter	Tara Ann Sabino
10/16/98	Peterborough, NH	Jared Harmond Lewis	David Howard Lewis	Joy Lynn Kelly
12/26/98	Peterborough, NH	Noah Thomas Blanchette	Dave John Blanchette	Tammie Jean Chirichiello

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief
Valerie Germain, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
03/06/98	Roxanne Marie Brouillet Gary Lee Langlois	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
04/25/98	Tammy Lynn Tenney Guy Eric Comeau Sr.	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/06/98	Michelle Patnode Jason E. Brooks	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/13/98	Tina Louise Jackson Joshua Lyston Rochford	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/27/98	Cynthia Anne Ball Joseph Paul Bergeron Jr.	Jaffrey, NH Manchester, NH
07/06/98	Yvonne Michelle Stilwell Joab A. Auterio	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/08/98	Lia Nives Stuhlsatz Christopher Callaci	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/15/98	Priscilla Lynn Fersch Deane Dehotman	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/22/98	Carol Ann Lefebvre Robert F. Kraft	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/22/98	Leslie Christel Ecklund David O'Briskie	Scarsdale, NY Scarsdale, NY
09/05/98	Jacqueline Gail Lane-Clemens Bruce William Cook	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/03/98	Michael Therese Hammond Jamie Scott Fox	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

10/23/98	Donna Evelyn Gould Michael Allen Morse	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/31/98	Carol Anne Deyo David Brian Grover	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
11/09/98	Catherine Theresa Maturo Jonathan Tod Homball	Philadelphia, PA Bennington, NH
11/21/98	Eleonore Grace Pelletier Joshua Francis Fulton Sr.	Bennington, NH Greenfield, NH
12/20/98	Eva Preku Zoltan Romocsa	Nyirabrany, Hungary Bennington, NH

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Valerie German, Town Clerk

A Salute to Spring



Thunder and lighting forced the 39th Army National Guard Band to perform indoors in their June 30th performance, but that didn't dismay those who came to enjoy them. The Bands appearance was sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

(Photo courtesy of Chief Campbell)

